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**2 WHEN STARTING A TRIP,** don't toss your flashlight loaded into your suitcase, haversack or toolbox. Unscrew, or remove batteries—then switch can't "catch" and waste batteries.



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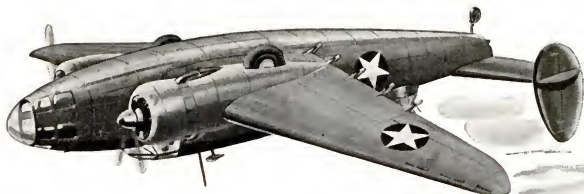
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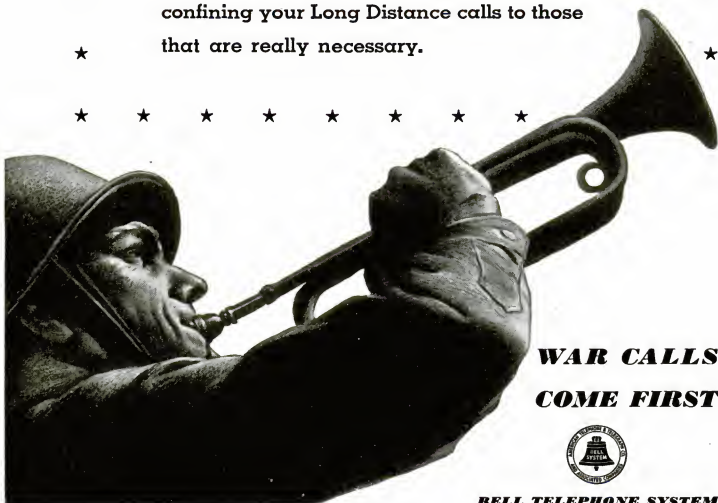
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## Wanted—A Machine to Live In

THERE'S always something. The roof needs shingling, the house needs paint, the doorknobs stick and the chimney is ready to topple. The plumbing is out of order twice a year, and someone is always having to polish the brass fixtures. All this irks Houlder Hudgins, president of the Sloane-Blabon Corporation, who thinks it's high time to do something original in designing homes and furnishings. He suggests someone produce a home that takes care of itself—"a machine to live in." Read his article in November—"For Real Discomfort, 'There's No Place Like Home'."

## Affectionately Yours, the Jeep

UGLY little puddle jumper, the jeep. But the boys in khaki love it like a puppy. It rides like a bronco that's been to West Point, but it rides—across rivers, through barbed wire or jungle, over Australian desert or Chinese mountain. Take a ride next month in this "Miracle on Wheels" that privates use to run errands, generals to run battles.

## Next Month

ONE of the last narrow-gauge railroads is the Denver & Rio Grande Western, but don't get the idea it's old-fashioned. You can step from its puffing narrow-gauge train to a broad-gauge Diesel-electric streamliner; you can ride over ancient wrought-iron bridges, rails made in England, and track ballasted with gold ore worth \$1,000 a mile. Its peacetime boast is of the "world's most scenic route," but just now it's busy hauling a war load at top speed. Read the November feature, "Thrills of Mountain Railroad."

## Precious Cargoes

IT'S much more delicate than it appears, this business of loading a ship. Oil and turpentine don't mix with sugar and powdered eggs; cotton has a flair for spontaneous combustion; some foods require constant temperatures. If the stevedores do the job badly, the cargo may shift and give the ship a dangerous list. Next month Philip B. Iglehart, Vice President of the Grace Line, tells of the business of loading ships.

## Color in Your Home

SKETCH the floor plan of your home inside the color wheel that appears in the November Coloroto section. From it you can tell the appropriate colors for any room. The story, illustrated in natural color, is about "Color in Your Home," written by a leading authority—Dr. Matthew Luckiesh, Director of General Electric's Lighting Research Laboratories.

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*"No, Junior, you can't have the plane tonight...Dad and I are using it!"*



**D**ON'T feel too sorry for Junior. Life in the America that lies ahead has other compensations. In fact, it will be so far superior to what his parents had at his age, their fondest hopes will seem meagre, their deepest dreams will seem trivial.

It's not hard to imagine a family plane. Many were flown before the war. American manufacturers have blueprints of them for larger production when peace comes. It's not hard to conceive of hourly air travel to distant continents. Our ferry command is doing just that today. It's not hard to believe in fleet upon fleet of flying freighters when we're turning out gigantic bombers by the thousands right now.

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# 1942 WAR RADIO

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(Brig. Gen. James H. Doolittle in news reports of Tokyo bombing)

## Interesting!

Watch for radio use in the war news—you'll find it in the air—on the ground—and at home!

WITHOUT radio, the movement of war would still be anchored by telephone lines—the physical hazards of the courier and visual signals.

Now war moves swiftly over the whole face of the earth—instantaneous radio communication thru the ether instead of over copper wires has blasted the barriers of space and time.

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But what of tomorrow—what effect will this have upon the future—after victory?

One thing is certain—it will revolutionize and speed the great new future form of transportation.

Radio has never been universally necessary in transportation before. In automobiles—on trains—it has been entertainment—in boats it has been a great aid but not an essential.

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# How Big Is YOUR PAY-CHECK?

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*On the  
watch-  
tower!*

**A**LERT, now meaning "air raid alarm", comes from early French *à l'erte*, "on the watch." This, in turn, came from Italian *all'erta*, "on a watchtower or height." When the first field hospital was organized to follow an army, the French called it *hôpital ambulant*, "walking hospital," from the Latin *ambulare*, "to walk." Eventually *hôpital* was dropped and *ambulant* became *ambulance*, a vehicle for conveying casualties. *Sabotage*, now the malicious hindrance of production, comes from French *saboter*, "to work carelessly"—originally, "to tread with wooden shoes, or *sabots*."

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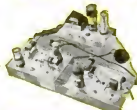
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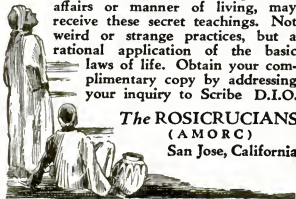
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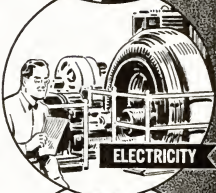
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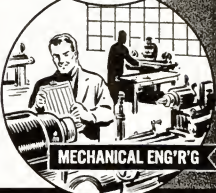
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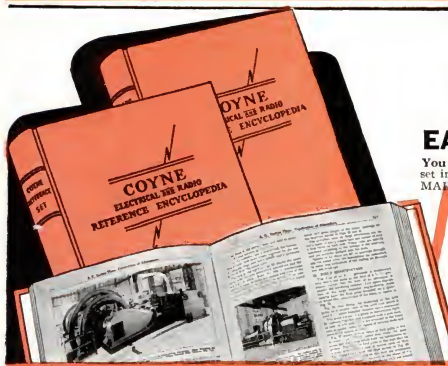
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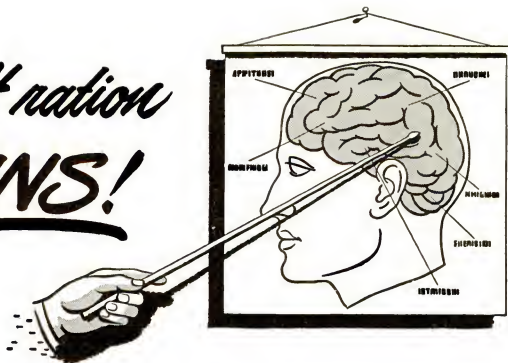
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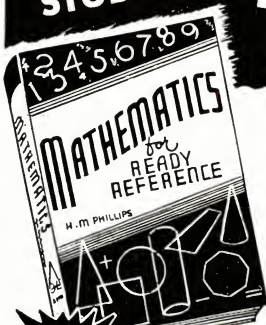
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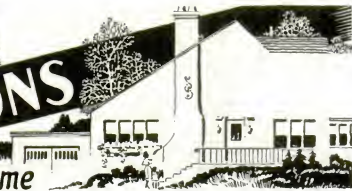
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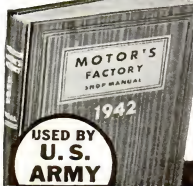
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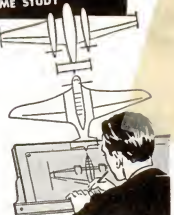


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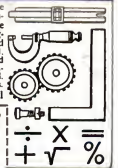
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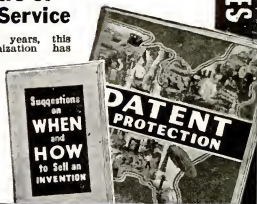
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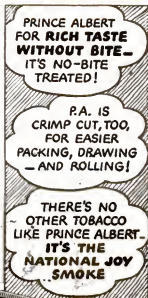
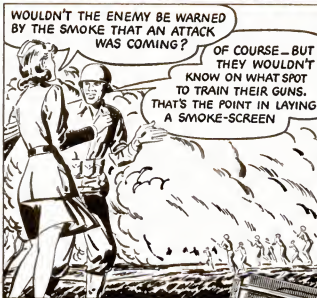
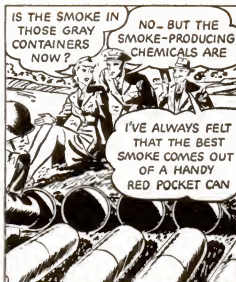
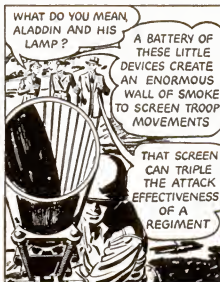
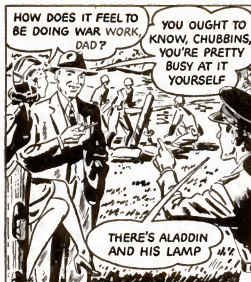
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UNCLE SAM'S  
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IT IS not at all impossible that when the history of this period is written, it will be recorded that American aeronautical engineering was our country's salvation.

Just what goals have been attained to justify such a statement? First, we know that it was the object of aeronautic engineers to have designs of aircraft that were superior to those of an enemy available upon the outbreak of the war. It is a well-recognized fact that in this objective, we have succeeded. Daily reports

Aeronautical engineers conducting a test in the Pratt & Whitney engine plant help keep U. S. aircraft superior to those of foe



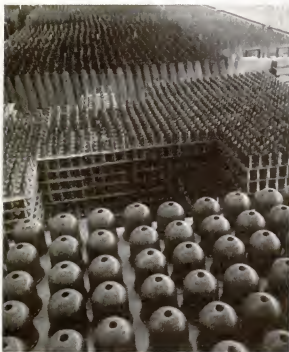
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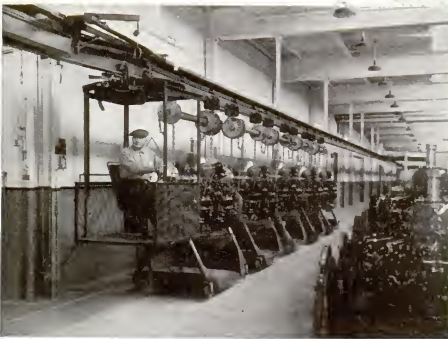




Inspecting parts for engines protects pilots against failure in the strain of battle



Into a propeller factory flows this river of propeller domes, bushings and blade forgings — precision is industry's keyword



from the front confirm it. And these designs have now been turned over to automobile manufacturers and others, who already are supplementing the production performance of the aircraft industry.

Interestingly enough, this advantage in aeronautical design was attained in a country long committed to a policy of peace, or even pacifism. Any trials or tribulations we may have suffered under this policy are of minor importance; the important fact is that we have excelled, engineering-wise, the most intensive efforts of competitors whose national effort was directed toward war.

The history of aviation has been the history of the accomplishment of the "impossible." Many of us recall our inauspicious beginnings. There was Donald Douglas in the shed at Santa Monica, Glenn Martin in the abandoned church at Santa Ana, Claire Egtvedt in the Boeing furniture factory at Seattle and Igor Sikorsky creating long distance transports in a chicken yard at College Point. Perhaps no better illustration of the long way our art has come can be found than in the contrast between the physical facilities then and now.

Our engineering has progressed along fundamental lines. Here was no clever trick or invention, but steady and continuous testing and ex-

Conveying a group of engines—the heart of Uncle Sam's aircraft—to a test house where experts find any flaws in motor

perimenting, working always toward the same end, namely, an advanced technology against a declaration of war. With the passage of time, the complexity has increased tremendously. A few weeks before Tony Fokker died, he commented upon the fact that in his creative years, one man could know all there was to know about airplane design, while now it takes a dozen specialists in any organization.

Another important element is production engineering. It is well known that in the automotive field, production engineering reached a high degree of development. It is not so well known that aeronautical production engineering has attained an even higher degree of excellence and that its methods are being used by automobile manufacturers building aircraft and aircraft engines.

In the automobile, people came to take performance for granted, so there was less incentive to radical improvement in performance. Automotive engineering focused, instead, on reduction in cost. The situation in aeronautical engineering was different; style was of little importance, performance the thing that counted. In air transport the criterion was cost-per-ton-mile; in the military field the standard was speed and climb and ceiling. This emphasis on performance established a different



**That's frost on the propeller mechanism being tested for 50 degrees below zero**



**Balancing propeller blade with counterweight to determine the static balance of a propeller**



**Left, rolling along the production line are observation scout planes made by Vought-Sikorsky**



The wire mesh back of this propeller reveals errors in balance by fluttering; if it's perfect the mesh does not move

criterion for aeronautical production engineering. The machine tools had to be capable of quantity production, yet they had to be flexible and permit frequent and rapid changes in design. Beyond this, the precision requirements were much more exacting because of the high stresses involved. This called for the use of standard precision tools, but with special jigs and fixtures. It tended to place a premium on the use of automatic controls, making the machine more foolproof and less dependent on skilled operation.

So aeronautical engineering grew up around this flexible-tool philosophy. It has two important results—first, when the expansion program was initiated, the requirements were for standard tools and the machine tool industry was able to go into

quantity production on standard or semi-standard tools, instead of limited production on special machines; and, second, in the training of operators, the use of automatic equipment greatly simplified the problem. Thus, the aircraft industry was enabled to expand with great rapidity. In the same way, it has decreased the time required for the automotive and other industries to convert their shops to aircraft production. The degree to which the aircraft industry has met the extraordinary expansion requirements is characterized by Charles Sorenson, of Ford Motor Company, as "the modern industrial miracle."

No one recognizes more clearly than the aeronautical engineers that we are just on the threshold. Design and development must continue at an accelerated pace.

Engineering organizations have been expanded in numbers almost as rapidly as plant facilities have increased. Technical schools have been combed for promising young men.

Extraordinary things are happening before our eyes. An aggressive enemy has denied us access to critical materials which have been the very foundation of our engineering and economy. The shortage of rubber changed the automotive industry overnight. Other material shortages are well known; engineering is focusing attention upon the development of substitutes. It is entirely possible that developments along this line may create new industries, to the ultimate benefit of our economy.

Take rubber, for instance. We have been living for years on Far Eastern sources because natural materials were cheaper. We were, in reality, exploiting the cheap labor of that part of the world. An artificial shortage of these materials bids fair to force the investment of capital in the development of new industries of vast importance. It is said that synthetic rubber is being produced in Germany today at a lower price than natural rub-

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Searching out the enemy goes a high speed fighter—proof of U. S. engineering genius



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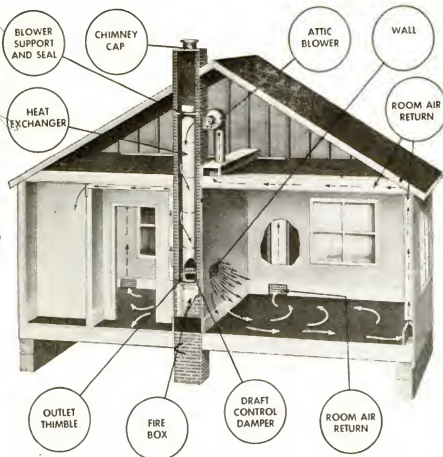
## Furnace Built in Chimney Gives "Forced" Heat

Built entirely inside a chimney, a furnace designed for low-cost houses and war economy saves space and materials. The fire box is built into the base of a conventional chimney, usually on the first floor or at basement level, and a porcelain enameled smoke stack (inside the chimney) carries off smoke and gases. The top of the chimney is partly capped so that the air between the smoke stack and the chimney may be heated. Cold air is drawn in



Photo courtesy Practical Builder

Applying finishing touches, above, to the heating unit built into an ordinary chimney at the basement level. The sketch shows inner stack that carries off smoke, the hot air chamber around stack and how cold air is drawn in, heated and forced out through vents



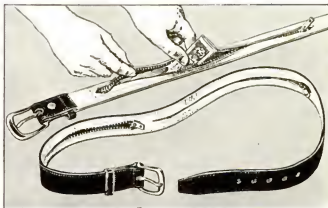
with a suction fan and a blower forces it through the heated chamber and out hot air registers into the rooms. A coil within

the fire box supplies hot water for the home. The furnaces are built to burn coal or gas, or for oil-burning combustion.

## Secret Pocket Inside of Belt Holds Money Safe Against Pickpockets

Money can be carried secretly in what appears to be an ordinary dress belt having a built-in compartment extending nearly its full length and closed by two slide fasteners on the underside. Folded banknotes and other valuables that lie flat may be inserted easily and protected against accidental loss or easy theft. When the belt is worn it gives no hint of a hidden pocket.

Folded banknotes are placed in the hidden pocket which closes with a slide fastener



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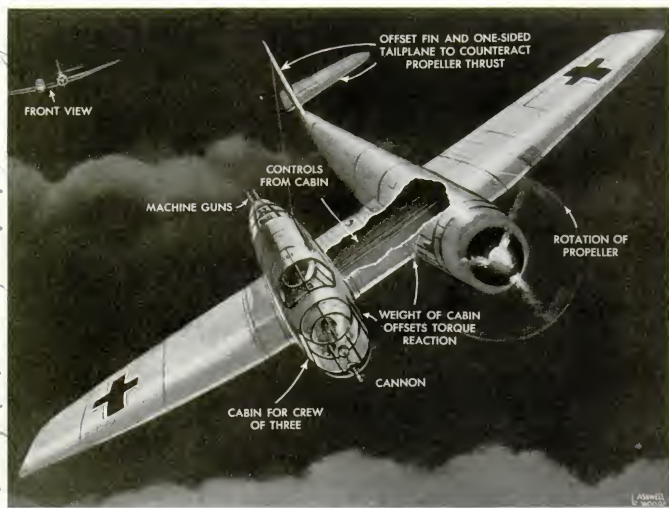
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# Plane With Half a Tail Has Engine in One Wing

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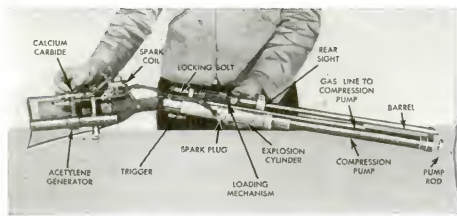


High speed and maneuverability are claimed for this German monoplane with "sightseeing" cabin on one side

The first time an American or R.A.F. pilot encounters one of the new freak monoplanes of the German Luftwaffe he probably cleans his goggles in a hurry and then doubts if he is seeing correctly. The craft has a lopsided appearance with the engine and controls on the left wing, a cabin for three on the right wing and only half a tail to balance the ship. The cabin, much short-

er than the nacelle holding the engine, looks like a sightseeing side car and is situated to insure a better view. Other special qualities claimed for the plane are high speed and maneuverability. Armament consists of fixed guns in the nose and a cone turret in the tail of the cabin. It is 49 feet long, has a wing span of 66 feet and will fly 220 miles per hour at 17,000 feet.

## Gun Fired by Gas Explosion Has Spark Plug and Pump



Dropping calcium carbide in generator holding alcohol and water produces enough acetylene gas to fire this economical gun about 10 times

Acetylene gas is used to fire a gun invented by Benton Whiteman of Parkesburg, Pa., which is equipped with a gas generator, explosion cylinder, spark plug and compression pump. First, four or five pieces of calcium carbide are dropped in the generator which contains a mixture of alcohol and water. This produces enough acety-

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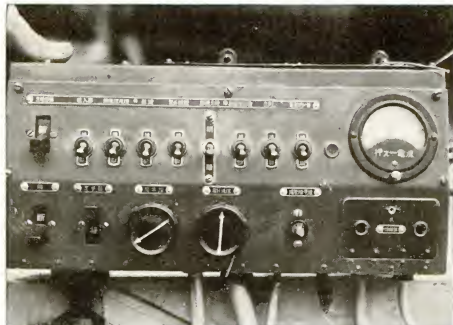
lene gas to fire the gun about 10 times. A line carries the gas to a compression pump which forces it into the explosion cylinder. Special valves release hot gases into the barrel to propel the bullet when the trigger is pressed. The gun has a rear sight which is adjusted for windage and elevation.

### Wire-Tailed Antiaircraft Rocket Entangles Enemy Planes

Great Britain's latest antiaircraft weapon is a rocket that trails in its wake long tentacles of entangling wires intended to disable enemy planes. However, the idea is not a new one. It made its appearance late in the first World War as a "spaghetti shell" that would spin out wires at high altitudes, but the war ended before it was fully developed. Since then other inventors have incorporated the idea into shells, rockets, balloons and airplanes. One proposed to string small bombs at intervals on the wires so they would explode when the aircraft struck them or pulled them into contact by winding the wire on its propeller.

### Jap Zero Fighter Downed Intact Scrutinized by U. S. Experts

American aviation experts were presented with a fair sample of a Japanese Zero fighter plane when one of the ships was shot down intact by a U. S. pilot in combat over the island of New Guinea. The plane, which suffered little damage in landing, has been inspected thoroughly.



This switchboard was removed from a Japanese plane shot down by a U. S. pilot and shipped here for study. Note Jap characters on instruments

### Fluorescent Utility Lamp Used on Extension Cord



Extension light is cool and easy on the eyes of war workers and may be clipped to the belt or coat lapel.

Handy for close inspection work in confined places, a fluorescent extension cord light is now available for use in war plants. Designed at the request of a bomber parts manufacturer, the lamp is readily adaptable to all kinds of extension cord service.

The light source is so cool that the lamp may be clipped to the belt or coat lapel of the worker, leaving both hands free. It throws a glareless beam that reduces eye fatigue and results in effective illumination on the work. The grill protecting the fluorescent lamp is constructed of heavy gauge steel, and a burned-out lamp can be replaced in a few seconds.

One manufacturer of synthetic rubber is reported to have produced and investigated 8,000 varieties.

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# The COMMANDOS *are* TOUGH



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Months before they were officially introduced to the world as Commandos,

thrilling stories began to leak out. There were reports of British motorcyclists landing on the French coast for night raids within the German lines. Some were said to have pushed inland as far as Amiens. Then British naval units dashed up to the Lofoten islands off Norway, and while loudspeakers informed the Norwegian populace, landing parties went ashore in barges to seize 200 German soldiers, burn a fish-oil factory and wreck a radio station. Still later, a raiding party stole ashore at

Bardia, behind the Nazi army in Libya, climbed the coastal escarpment without detection and blasted a vital bridge, coast-defense batteries and supply dumps. Sixty men lost their way in the blackness, but the rest rowed back to the ships lurking several miles off shore. In another Libyan raid, a small group of Britons actually penetrated Gen. Erwin Rommel's headquarters and narrowly missed capturing the Nazi commander, who



British soldiers with full kits swim across a river, resting rifles on bundles in front so that they can fire while swimming



happened to be attending a party.

About that time they began to be known as Commandos, so named for the bold guerrillas who made spectacular forays against the British in the Boer War. And the stories of their expeditions multiplied. They told of Commandos lying in ambush on a French coastal road to wipe out with tommy guns a squad of German troops whistling as they bicycled down to relieve a pillbox crew already subdued. They told of a Commando party stealing up to a French dance hall to kidnap Reichsmarshal Goering, who was expected there. He missed the abduction by a change of plans, but the Germans at the dance were captured or shot.

Commandos are black face—but they're no comedians. Their faces, even their teeth are blackened to prevent detection as they slip ashore and stalk the enemy sentry, throttling him with wire or rope or silencing him with a knife. They carry condensed rations, if any; they subdue the enemy silently if possible, but if guns are necessary they prefer



**"Every man a Commando"** is the slogan in the British training camps. Here two Scots Guardsmen flip one of their comrades, fully equipped, over a high wall



Six candidates for Commando assignments limber up their muscles by exercising with heavy logs. It takes months of muscle and brain work to equip a man



Before they raided Nazi-occupied Channel shores the Commandos made many a practice attack on beaches like this, crossing wire barriers with ladders





With fixed bayonets, trainees cross a pole hung over a trench

the light and murderous tommygun. Since theirs is most dangerous duty they are picked volunteers, toughened by rigorous training in assault tactics. They must be able to fight all night and all day without food if need be. They must be experts in demolition, able to march 30 or 40 miles a day, ready to fight with any weapon—or their hands, and feel at home in a parachute or swimming out to a boat. In training they practice landings and maneuvers with live bullets.

Several months ago a Commando unit was assigned the destruction of a Nazi plane-detection post on the Channel coast. Royal Air Force planes carried the men over, and they parachuted from low altitude—probably with the planes in a dead-engine glide to escape detection. The men crept almost to their objective, the radio tower, before they were challenged. In a sharp fight they subdued the defenders, wrecked the detector and made for the beach where

naval craft waited to take them off. They had to overcome outposts on the beach, then signal the boats, and as they pushed out into the Channel they saw headlights of German armored cars approaching. At dawn, fighter planes came from the English shore to protect the returning ships. It was perfectly timed teamwork from start to finish.

Maj. R. V. Boyle, a British officer, tells of one exploit in which the element of surprise carried the objective. The Commandos were to capture the German commander of a post in Norway.

They landed at night, cut the communication lines, and a detachment commandeered a car and drove to the home of the officer, several miles out of town. At 8:15 a.m. they "liquidated" the guard without a sound, then rang the front door bell. A servant responded and found himself facing

a battery of weapons. The Commandos, placing a gun at his back, ordered him to lead them to the German officer's room.

They knocked on the study door. The Nazi commander called "Come in" and continued writing. When he looked up, he was surrounded with guns. He and his papers were abducted to England without any other occupants of the house knowing he had left.

Boulogne, battered Channel city of occupied France, was the site of another pre-dawn dash. For two hours the Commandos swarmed over the dunes and stud-



Oarsmen row a big barge in practice for silent night landings

ied fortifications around Boulogne, then were taken off in warships without the loss of a man.

Long after the assault on the Nazi submarine base at St. Nazaire, which was of the proportions of a battle, stories of the Britons' heroism were coming out. That engagement lasted for two days. The Commandos rammed a former American destroyer into the drydock gates, and leaped ashore to storm the German strongholds. The commander of the raid, Lieut. Col. A. C. Newman, led a small headquarters staff into St. Nazaire and was last seen disappearing behind burning buildings. He is missing, a casualty or prisoner of war. Other units captured the Nazi field headquarters and held it for 48 hours before they were dislodged.

Principal hero of the attack, however, was an unnamed British officer whose sacrifice afterward was related by eyewitnesses who reached Sweden. This officer jumped to the dock from the old, dynamite-laden destroyer and surrendered. A few minutes later he agreed to conduct a party of German officers aboard the vessel on a tour of inspection. He knew it was loaded with explosives, that a time fuse would set off a terrific blast in a matter of minutes. He died, and the German officers died with him as the ship blew apart and wrecked the dock gates.

The Commandos didn't all come back from St. Nazaire. But they killed perhaps 400 Germans, many of them officers; they destroyed important military facilities, and gave the German occupying forces a fresh case of frayed nerves.



Slipping through barbed wire entanglements, a group of soldiers scales a ten-foot wall in preparation for a job across the Channel



Above, American Marines, trained in the style of Britain's Commandos, engage in patrol and landing operations. Below, British Bren gun carriers roll ashore from barges in a practice invasion



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# Rubber and Steel Bridge Spans River for Army



Tank moving across bridge made of heavy steel treadways supported by big rubber pontoons inflated with air

Bridges over rivers and streams are erected with utmost speed by army engineers using a series of large rubber pontoons inflated with air to support heavy steel treadways. Tanks, trucks and other vehi-

cles crawl over the bridges, the pontoons protruding far beyond the sides so they will not heel over. This type of bridging was developed by officers of the 16th Engineers of the First Armored Division.

## Roller Does Work of Paintbrush With Water-Mixed Paint

Scarcity of paintbrushes is responsible for the development of a paint roller of-

fered by a paint manufacturer for use in applying water-mixed paint to walls and ceilings. The handle is set at right angle to the roller which has an outer surface of porous cloth. The paint container should be a flat-bottomed pan that may be tilted to expose a portion of the bottom where the roller is run to pick up an even supply. After paint has been applied to a section of wall, the roller is pulled back and forth until the surface is smooth. After using, the roller may be washed in soap and water and the edges of the woodwork cleaned.



Cloth-covered roller is "loaded" in flat-bottom pan

## Mercury "Bomb" Explodes Metal Within Fluorescent Lamp

About 50 percent of the mercury formerly used in making fluorescent lamps, which was lost or wasted, is now being saved by injecting the mercury into the lamp tubes by means of "bombs" instead of the dispensing device they replace. Besides eliminating waste, the bombs im-

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prove lamp performance because they deliver the exact amount of mercury needed, which is essential for long life and efficient operation. The mercury is "wrapped up" in a tiny metal tube affixed to a support lead of one cathode. When the current is first turned on in the lamp, during the exhaustion process, the heat expands the mercury, exploding the tiny tube and releasing the free mercury.

## Old Bottle Caps Given New Life By Cleaning and Stamping

Used bottle caps are given a new lease on life with a reclaiming machine plus a sterilizing process that makes the second-hand steel crowns safe, sanitary and leak-proof, on a mass production basis. The machine's purpose is not to restore the cap to its original shape, but instead the cap is deformed by stamping two concentric circles in the top. These circles form a new seat that conforms with the seal-ring at the top of the bottle upon which it is pressed. They also serve to identify the reclaimed caps as such. Reclaiming begins by removing all paint and cork from the cap and sterilizing it for 15 minutes in live steam and boiling water. After its trip through the stamping machine, the cap travels on a belt to a painting machine for enameling inside and out, and immediately passes under infrared heat lamps to bake the enamel. A new disk is inserted to make sure that only new material comes in contact with the contents of the bottle.



Machine making caps leakproof by stamping two concentric circles which form a new seat of contact with bottle top

## 'Bicycle' for Shopping Bags Folds When Not in Use



Inspired by the wartime curtailment of home delivery service, a small collapsible cart is designed to carry shopping bags. It consists of a V-shaped metal frame, two small wheels with rubber tires, and a handle like a cane for balancing and pushing. Bags are held on hooks on either side. When not in use it can be folded and carried over the

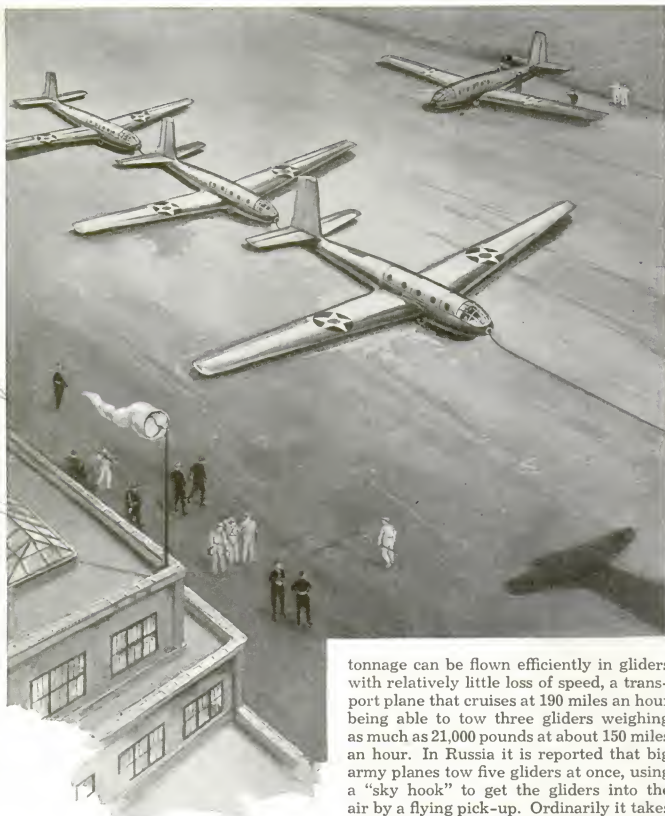
## Glass Bubble Deposited as F Guards Plastic Lenses

Plastic lenses, made more rapidly and cheaply than glass, have had one drawback—they are too easily scratched. This weakness has been solved by the invention of Frederick J. Binda of Boston, who deposits its film of glass on the lens surface by blowing a bubble of hard glass in a way that brings it into contact with one side of the lens. This molten film, as thin as a few ten-thousandths of an inch, cools, hardens and sticks tightly to the plastic, for resurfacing rollers.



# SKY HOOK to LAUNCH

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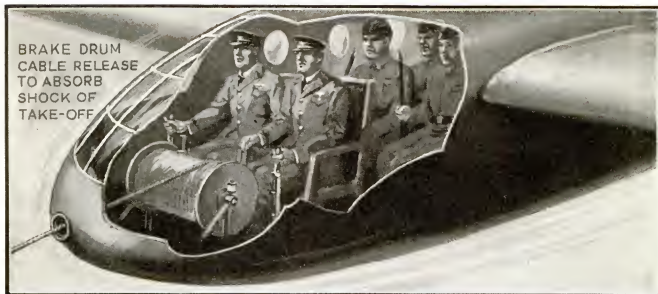


**G**LIDERS were once the sporty surfboards of the sky. Today they are carriers of aerial infantry and war freight; glider trains towed by transport planes are turned loose to slip silently down into enemy territory at night. Tomorrow the glider train may carry vast amounts of freight across the states. Considerable

tonnage can be flown efficiently in gliders with relatively little loss of speed, a transport plane that cruises at 190 miles an hour being able to tow three gliders weighing as much as 21,000 pounds at about 150 miles an hour. In Russia it is reported that big army planes tow five gliders at once, using a "sky hook" to get the gliders into the air by a flying pick-up. Ordinarily it takes a tremendously long runway for a plane to drag several gliders into the air and lift itself too. With the sky hook, however, the gliders can be parked almost nose to tail and literally yanked into the air by a grappling hook suspended from the rear of the tow plane's fuselage.

From the forward glider, a towing cable extends about 200 feet forward to form a

# GLIDER TRAINS



To get a string of heavy gliders into the air, a flying pick-up method is proposed. Each glider would be equipped with shock-absorbing cable drum shown at top

triangular loop, the base of which stretches between two "goal posts." The tow plane maneuvers over the gliders and the grappling hook seizes the cable between the posts, which fall to the ground. The posts are about 15 feet apart.

In the nose of the glider, the cable is wound around a revolving drum, which pays out the towline as the plane gives its initial yank. Immediately, then, the pilot of the glider begins applying brakes to the drum, using more and more pressure until the cable is no longer unwinding and the glider is in motion.

This same technique is employed in each glider of the train, the brakes on each ca-

ble drum acting as shock absorbers to ease one glider after another into the air. The glider, of course, can drop its towline to make a landing. Using this system in commercial freight carrying, a glider with freight destined for some point along the airway could drop off from the train just as a boxcar is set off on a railway siding. Later this glider could be retrieved by the sky hook of a passing air freight train.

A beginning on this technique was made the other day at Wright Field, where a Stinson plane swooped at 100 miles an hour to engage with its hook a line strung between two posts and attached to a motorless plane, which it pulled into the air.

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## Highways Made Into Runways For U. S. Army Planes



Planes land on runway made by widening highway with strips of paving

Airplanes soon will be able to land and take off on flight strips being constructed parallel to highways at strategic points throughout the country. The first one completed, opened recently by the Army Air Corps and Public Roads Administration of the Federal Works Agency, is a strip 8,000 feet long and more than 500 feet wide, the runway being 7,000 feet by 150 feet.

## Mileage Left in Your Auto Tires Can Be Measured Easily

You can measure the approximate number of miles left in your automobile tires, if the tires are wearing evenly and have no signs of undue wear caused by misalignment, unbalance, or loose and worn wheel parts. For a first line tire, each  $\frac{1}{32}$  inch of rubber in the non-skid portion of

the tread represents 2,500 miles of wear, according to studies made by tire engineers. For instance, if the tire shows  $\frac{1}{32}$  inch left, you can expect at least 12,500 miles before the tread is gone, provided you drive with utmost care. Tire experts say also that there is a possible 15,000 miles in the basic treadless rubber covering, but these last miles are the most dangerous because the tires are smooth. If your tires are second line (less expensive than first line), the mileage figures would be about 15 percent less.

## Plastic Film Holder Is Unaffected by Developer

Plastic holders unaffected by photographic solutions and virtually unbreakable are now offered for suspending cut film in tanks during the developing process. It is said that the new holders load easily and they are perforated to permit rapid drainage of liquids.



Easy loading holders are not harmed by photo bath

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# FROZEN BILLIONS



One of man's most precious minerals, radium is of greater value than ever in a world at war. It is indispensable in therapy, in radio-photography and in research into nuclear physics; and today it finds use in the blackout. Here a General Electric scientist experiments with luminous pigments for blackout paints



A welder fills in areas chipped from steel turbine casting (note arrows) after gamma rays had detected air-bubble flaws in steel

White crystals of radium bromide appear in colorless liquid during final stage of refining by Canadian Radium & Uranium Co.



## By Allen Warren Elliott

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**I**F YOU could stuff your pockets full of hundred-dollar bills, fill your hat, grab two handfuls and then stagger around with a huge bundle under each arm, it is possible that you could carry a million dollars. If you could slip a little pellet of radium into your pocket, a ball about the size of a large garden pea, weighing around an ounce and a half, you would also be carrying a million dollars.

You wouldn't haul this precious load around very long. First, because radium plays tricks on the human body. And, second, because Uncle Sam would probably grab it in a minute and give you 10,000 crisp hundred dollar bills in exchange. For radium is now a vastly important war material.

The planes which fill the skies, the ships which plow the sea, the tanks, the guns, even the shells and bombs, all require radium somewhere along the line.

If regular nightly blackouts come to your community, you will probably require it too, for radium is the luminous paint factor which needs no light to make it shine in the dark year after year. Radium may even conceivably save your life before the war is over, since being hit by a blacked-out automobile is just as likely to be fatal as being struck by a bomb fragment.

Timed as if to meet the emergency need, a fantas-

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Ever play "spook golf?" It's a game invented, as a stunt, by General Electric engineers experimenting with luminous paint for use in blackouts. At the right the golfer is photographed by flashlight; at left, he's in a blackout

tic stroke of luck has placed practically all of the world's supply of available new radium in the control of the United Nations.

Providential, too, was the whim of fortune by which the mine that disgorges 99% of this radium was discovered through two pairs of human eyes, one pair sharp and curious, the other pair swollen and snowblinded. Else the anti-Nazi world would have practically no new radium right now when it is needed.

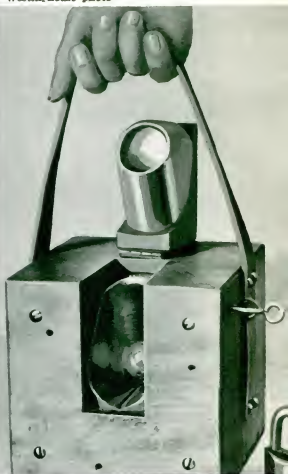
The chain of fortunate circumstances held together, however, and today in a 10,000-acre spot of bleak ground in northern Canada, only 26 miles from the Arctic Circle, deep in the frigid rocks, men are mining this critical supply of radium ore. It is worth many, many millions, and for all anyone can say with certainty, this treasure is likely to prove to be literally frozen billions.

By dog sled, tractor train, plane, boat and rail huge supplies of this fascinating substance are being rushed from the Arctic Circle to New York City, from where the radium trickles in pin-point quantities throughout the United Nations. So scattered is the product in its natural state and so thinly can it be spread when purified that a huge supply of the ore, say 500 tons, finally becomes a quantity which could be hidden under a fingernail if unadulterated. And still this remains a huge supply.

Night and day in the depths of the radium mine on a rocky point extending into Great Bear Lake in the Northwest Territories, miners dig the black and brittle pitchblende. Night and day at Port Hope, near Toronto, On-

Radium sulfate, the source of the powerful gamma rays, is never handled directly. When needed for inspecting metals, it is brought from its sunken, lead-lined safe in this carrier, also lead-lined

Westinghouse photo







Grinding sodium uranate, a heavy, bright yellow, clay-like substance to be used as pigment. This is a common form of uranium, heaviest element and parent of radium

The first step in refining radium, as in treating many other ores, is to roast out impurities in the furnace. This is a scene at Eldorado refinery, Port Hope, Ont.



tario, experts refine the concentrated ore. And night and day in New York City chemists complete the processes bringing the radium down to a point of purity where a thimbleful, still heavily diluted, might fill dozens upon dozens of industrial war orders.

It all goes back 12 years to a romantic episode concerning the two pairs of eyes and a twist of fate which attracted little attention outside Canada at the time. Only now has it grown to world importance.

The hero who found this richest piece of rock in the world is a hardy French-Canadian prospector, Gilbert LaBine, who searched the snowy wastes year after year for "pay dirt." Not only his sharp eyes led to the strike, but also his honesty.



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Mining radium-bearing ore 500 feet under the earth, a stope in the Eldorado Mine on the edge of the Canadian Arctic. The ore vein which contains the radium is pitch-blende—a dull heavy, black and brittle rock

LaBine finally struck silver in sufficient quantities to make a stake, took this money, interested a group of investors and formed the Eldorado Gold Mines, Ltd., to work some claims in the Long Lake District of Manitoba. One day, while the investors were all waiting for word which would make them wealthy, LaBine called them together and laid his cards on the table. The property, he confessed, was a failure. They would have to make another strike. Disappointed, his backers told him to try.

Hiring a plane and a pilot, he flew to the Great Bear Lake region. It had only been visited by Arctic explorers, a few Indians and Eskimos and an occasional white fur trapper, but somehow had become the focus of a tale of vast mineral wealth. He tramped across the snow and ice, questioned



One important use of radium in war is in the making of luminous compounds. Here a worker paints aircraft instrument dials with a radium compound which makes them easily read in a dark cockpit

The airplane and the dog sled, the new and the old, provide the only means of reaching the outside world during the long winter at Eldorado on Great Bear Lake, "world capital" of radium production





Hundreds of luminous chemicals are being studied at the General Electric laboratories for possible blackout use

A teaspoon about two-thirds full represents an average pre-war year's supply of radium salts in the United States



an Indian and his squaw who had camped on the lake shore, found nothing definite and soon returned to civilization. There might be fabulous veins of metal around Great Bear Lake, as the tales said, but unfortunately the lake was one of the world's largest.

Waiting a year, he tried again, taking another prospector with him, Charlie Saint Paul. Landing their plane on the frozen lake, they rigged up a sled and began exploring the shores, hauling 1,200 pounds of food and equipment in terrific cold, 20 to 45 degrees below zero.

Finally they reached a promontory that is now LaBine Point. They were thinking of giving up the search even though they had found outcroppings of silver. Silver was too cheap to be transported back to civilization from the top of the world. They would have traded a million tons of the silver ore on the spot for a hot apple pie.

It might have ended there, except that Saint Paul awoke one morning blinded by the glare of snow and ice. While waiting for his companion's eyes to heal, LaBine remembered a strange black streak which had caught his eye while flying over the promontory. Working his way over the ice and rocks, picking at the outcroppings, LaBine came upon a patch of what looked like coal, but was infinitely harder. He recognized it for pitchblende, the parent ore containing radium, uranium, silver and a number of other valuable minerals.

Before long the pair were winging south with ore samples. Chemists confirmed its value. The Canadian government sent an air expedition to the site of the strike. They verified the huge extent of the ore field.

Still, Gilbert LaBine and his investors had to wait for their riches.

While radium was then selling for \$1,960,000 an ounce there were many tantalizing factors. It was so costly that only the biggest institutions could buy minute quantities for its principal use, cancer treatment. The Belgians had a stranglehold on the world mar-

A needle of this size, used in radiotherapy and particularly for cancer treatments, usually contains \$600 to \$1,000 worth of radium



ket with easily accessible ore in the Congo and refineries in Belgium.

The nearest railroad ended 765 miles from Great Bear Lake. The only water route was open six weeks to two months of the year and rapids forced two overland portages. Huge quantities of ore had to be hauled to the nearest available coal or oil for concentrating, or the fuel had to be transported into the Arctic.

The jump from Great Bear Lake to the logical refining point was about 4,000 miles. To refine each ton of pitchblende even after it is concentrated requires five tons of chemicals. And to top it all, no one could be found on this continent to tell them how to extract the precious product, radium, from this particular ore.

"Then began a struggle which lasted years before results began to show," says Boris Pregel, president of the Canadian Radium and Uranium Corporation. "Gradually the machinery was shipped up there, largely by plane. The mine was dug. A mining town was built. A water transportation company was established. A plane service was inaugurated. A refinery was built near Toronto. A Frenchman named Marcel Pochon was located in the mines of Cornwall, in the British Isles, who knew what to do with the ore.

"As soon as the money started to come in, we cut the price approximately in half to broaden the market. Then the war struck and Germany took over the Belgian refineries while the Allies kept the Congo mines. This blocked the former principal source of radium and soon we found the entire civilized world depending upon us.

"Now, with this responsibility, we are no longer working for money. We are working to win the war."

Radium is being used more widely than ever for therapy, including cancer treatment, for research into nuclear physics which change the whole pattern of future living and for luminous pigments necessary for airplane, submarine and warship dials as well as blackouts. But its value for radiography, or photography by means of its radiations, is its key purpose right now.

Remarkable enough is its ability to bombard zinc sulphide with 183,000,-



Frank Hartman, Philadelphia "radium detective," hunts lost radium in ashes from hospital incinerator with his "electric bloodhound." Below, making a radiograph of a metal casting with radium encased in aluminum "bomb"





Crystals in this quartz bowl are barium-radium—all that remains after refining many tons of ore from the sub-arctic. Impurities have been removed, and barium is being separated out

Concentrated radium ore, ready for refining, is packed in bags like this at Port Radium—airport a few miles from the mining community—to await air shipment to refinery near Toronto



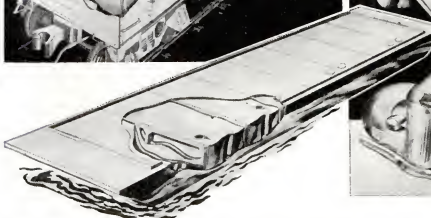
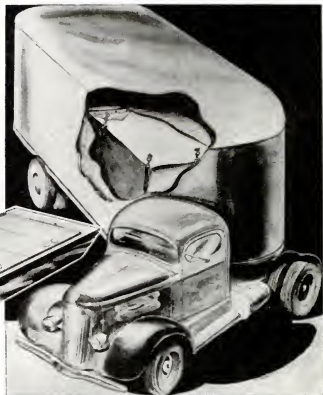
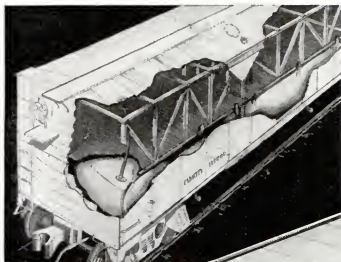
000 particles a second and thus give off a glow in luminous pigments that lasts an average of 10 years, or till the zinc is exhausted.

Even more fortunate for the war effort is the fact that the gamma rays of radium will penetrate eleven inches of toughest steel and make an impression on a film in which a flaw, such as an air hole, will show up black on the film and white on a photograph.

Great corporations like General Electric, General Motors and Westinghouse, and hundreds of others, are soaking up the supply in increasing volume, to take radiographs of castings, boilers, plates, etc., to correct hidden flaws so the final product may be perfect. Munitions factories use radium bombs to see through shell casings and eliminate duds from the munitions on which American troops and sailors will depend in

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## Rubber Bags Convert Boxcars Into Oil Tanks



Collapsible rubber tanks can be placed in boxcar, wooden barge or truck to carry full or partial load of oil

Fuel tanks made of synthetic rubber are being developed by the Glenn L. Martin Company of Baltimore as a possible solution to the oil transportation problem. The collapsible rubber tanks would convert railroad box and gondola cars into tank cars, wooden barges and other boats into tankers and ordinary freight trucks into carriers of gasoline and oil. After delivering fuel, the tanks could be rolled into compact packages and expressed back to the refinery, making the boxcar, truck or

barge available for return freight. The transport tank is an adaptation of the rubber fuel tanks for airplanes developed by the Martin company, makers of the famous Martin bombers. The tanks can be made in various sizes to fill an entire boxcar or truck or for less-than-carload space that might otherwise remain empty. All that is required is proper support at the sides. There are adequate materials and manufacturing capacity to supply the tanks quickly, according to Mr. Martin.

## Dummy Planes and Guns Are 'Bait' for Enemy Bombers



Engineers of the U. S. Army are designing dummy planes and guns to place on the ground at likely spots as "bait" for enemy raiders to waste their valuable bombs upon. From the air these dummies look so much like the real thing that a bombardier seeing them might readily yield to the urge to blast away at them and thus let himself be diverted from an important military target.

The wooden gun and plane would look like the real thing to a bombardier several thousand feet up in the air



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# The MOST DANGEROUS MAN



The bombardier checks arming wires on 100-pound practice bombs in racks of a training plane, above. Left, putting the precious bombsight into the "greenhouse" while an armed guard stands by

second to release his deadly load so that it will curve down and strike the center of an enemy warship or munitions factory that sometimes is still miles ahead of him.

At the moment that the pilot announces "On course and level. Your plane," the bombardier takes charge of the ship. He has already opened the bomb-bay doors, armed the

**M**EET the bombardier, the "most dangerous man in the world."

He is in charge of one of the world's greatest military secrets, the American bombsight. He does his work, cool and unflustered, in the transparent nose of a flying battleship while anti-aircraft explosions rock the plane and enemy interceptors dive toward it. His whole job is compressed into picking the one exact split

seconds, and has turned switches that select the bombs that will be dropped. Now he makes last minute adjustments to the big bombsight in front of him.

The speed and altitude of the bomber and the direction and velocity of the wind must be considered. Even the temperature of the air and the weight of the bombs will affect their trajectory.

The rest of the crew may be busy fight-

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ing off enemy attacks but they can tell, from the slight upward bounce, when their load of destruction is released. The pilot needs hardly wait for the confirming phone call "Bombs away. Okay to turn." from the bombardier. It will be long seconds yet before the bombs reach their target and the crew gets busy at once with the task of getting back to their base.

The aerial bomb is one of the most destructive weapons of the war and today the United States is producing vast fleets of bomb-carrying airplanes and thousands of trained bombardiers to man them. The Army Air Corps needs applicants for its bombardier schools, yet not everyone can meet the rigid qualifications. A good pilot is said to be easier to find than a good bombardier. These hand-picked men, between 18 and 26, preferably with an aptitude for mathematics, need an intense power of concentration and a high emotional reserve so that they can carry on their meticulous duties right in the face of danger.

From the time he swears the bombardier's oath never to reveal the details of his secret bombsight, to guard it with life itself, and to destroy it in case of need, the bombardier student lives a life apart from that of other military men. His bombsight is never left unguarded. The ground crew protects it in a special vault when not in use, moves it to the



Carrying two "eggs" to be dropped on some Texas range, a cadet marches between long rows of bombs in Sloan Field's "bomb dump." Below, pilot and bombardier instructor sit side by side in an AT-11 trainer





Cadets learn to handle dangerous tools of the trade

airplane under armed guard, and the bombardier attaches it to the plane while it is still shrouded in canvas. After the plane leaves the ground he uncovers it.

He studies his deadly, devastating science at such a field as the Midland Army Flying School in Texas. This is the greatest bombardier training base in the world. Its bombing range is larger than the state of New Jersey. From the school's maze of

airport runways an endless procession of two-engined training planes roar off on practice missions 20 hours a day, seven days a week.

Much of what the student learns is secret. He makes no notes in the lecture halls during the 12 weeks of training for fear the information might fall into the wrong hands. He carries no textbooks away from class. He learns how bombs are made, how they work, and what they do. He also studies meteorology, gunnery and navigation. He is trained in mathematics and physics. He learns to detect camouflage from the air and studies maps and aerial photographs of such cities as Berlin and Tokyo. He must be able to recognize enemy ships and to aim at their most vulnerable points.

He and his fellow students, every day, drop as many bombs in practice as the German air force was able to drop on London during the worst night of the London blitz. Thus the German's greatest effort is simply routine at this one American school.

The bombardier student learns and proves that his bombsight is so accurate that he can practically "drop a bomb into a barrel" from almost any altitude. He learns the advantage of such precision bombing over the "pattern" bombing that the Germans and Japs sometimes have used. He learns that against a warship a "near miss" is often more destructive than a direct hit on the superstructure, so great is the tremendous underwater blasting effect of the bomb explosion.

He practices first on the "bug" before he drops bombs from airplanes. The bug, a small carriage, has on its top a scale drawing of a typical target. It creeps across the floor under remote control when it is being used to represent a moving ship.

In dropping theoretical bombs against this miniature target the student sits on top of a bombing trainer that resembles a large high chair on wheels. His bombsight is in front of him and he peers through it as the trainer moves toward the bug. The final adjustments are made and he waits for the one moment at



It's simple, but it still works. A bombardier student examines a 1918 bombsight



which he can score a hit.

Soon he progresses to actual bombing. His flying classroom is a specially designed training plane that carries a pilot, bombardier instructor, and two students. Its racks are loaded with blue 100-pound practice bombs. These are filled with sand and contain a 5-pound spotting charge of black powder to create puffs of smoke when they hit. Accuracy of the practice bombing is judged by observers in towers near the targets, spread like plates across the 80-mile bombing range, and the hits are also recorded on motion picture film.

The first sighting runs are made at low altitude. As the student's proficiency increases the plane increases its altitude until finally the student is using his oxygen mask on every flight. Night bombing against flare targets is one of the final steps and a good bombardier can bomb as accurately from high altitude at night as



Watching the wheels go 'round—bombardiers study action of a gyroscope on a wooden model in classroom

Bombardiers occasionally double as gunners, so they must recognize all types of planes. Here they study model of PB2Y flying boat



Skimming low over a 30-foot target "shack" the bombardier releases one in the circle and finishes off the shack





Trainers in formation drop two bombs each, simultaneously—a type of pattern bombing used against warships

he can in the daytime. He drops at least 200 bombs during some 35 day flights and 25 night flights. When he graduates, as a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps, he is assigned to operate a Flying Fortress or one of the other new types of heavy bombardment planes.

From the military standpoint a bombing

plane is simply a long-range rifle. Ordinary heavy artillery is accurate up to ranges of 20 or 30 miles or so. The big bomber is a tremendous improvement on this because it can drop its "shells" 1,500 miles or more away from its base. One recent development in getting heavily loaded bombers into the air is the so-called "assisted take-off" for which rocket engines are attached to the plane. The backward blasts from the rockets help the plane's main engines pull the load up off the ground and into the air, at which point the main engines can keep it aloft.

Recently the British, with American help, have been trying a new technique. They are trying the effect of suddenly obliterating a military area all at once instead of pecking away at it week after week with small flights of bombers. In blasting the railroad and factory concentrations at Cologne in Germany late in May, British bombers dropped more than 6,000,000 pounds of high explosives within a 90-minute period, using 1,250 bombers and 6,000 air men in the gigantic attack.

Badly as more bombardiers are needed, you can't qualify for bombardier training simply because you wish to. Before you

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This animated "high chair" is used for practicing aim with bombsight on mobile ship silhouettes on floor

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# Rubber Lifesaving Suit "Zips" on in 30 Seconds

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When the cry of "Torpedo!" is raised by the crew on tanker, freighter or transport, there is little time to launch rafts or get into lifesaving equipment. A two-piece rubber lifesaving suit designed for speed has a zipper fastener that enables the wearer to put it on in about 30 seconds. An inner kapok vest and weighted rubber boots keep the victim in an upright position with head and shoulders out of the water. Boots, mittens and hood are attached to the suit. Food can be carried in watertight pockets high on the chest and the air space within the suit provides protection from the cold by holding the body heat. Even if the suit should become filled with water the kapok vest will keep a man afloat.



Located high on the chest of this watertight rubber suit is a pocket for food or valuables. Rubber hood, gloves and built-in overshoes are part of suit which has vest of kapok to support wearer

# Plywood Is Bent for Boat Hulls With Electric-Steam Iron

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Rowing shells are being built at one-tenth the usual cost by Coach E. A. Stevens, of Oregon State College, who presses sheets

of plywood for the hull into shape with an ordinary electric-steam iron. The rigid three-ply panels are soaked in water before the heat is applied and stout rubber bands made from inner tubes help pull them in shape. With this method the sheets can be shaped into compound curves, bent in two or three directions.



Pressing water-soaked plywood to form rowing shell

# Plastic 'Plug' for Sinking Lifeboat Stops Leak Instantly

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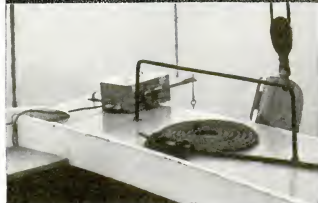
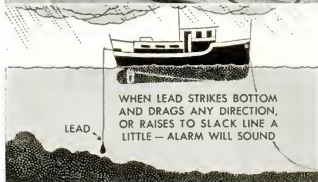
Leaks in sinking lifeboats can be plugged as soon as they occur, with a new plastic after kneading it briefly in the hands. The plastic has a binding effect, setting and hardening in water. Lifeboats in the British Merchant Service have been equipped with the pliant substance, and it is expected to prove useful in pontoons also. Officials of the U. S. Coast Guard are experimenting with a similar substance, which may be adopted for American lifeboats.

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## Anchor Watch Rings Bell If Boat Drifts Shoreward



Small box attached to rail houses unit which rings bell in cabin if suspended lead-line strikes bottom

Owners of small boats carrying anchors too light to hook firmly unless the holding ground is soft enough, can equip their craft with an automatic "watchman" that will awaken the crew during the night should the water become shallow due to drift or other reasons. The alarm unit, consisting of two dry cells and a bell is installed in the cabin, being connected by wires with the control unit which is housed in a small mahogany box. The latter, attached to the deck or rail by a small cleat, overhangs the edge of the boat to allow a lead-line to be suspended freely into the water and permit the extended contact arm to swing without interference. With the lead-line set at a depth allowing a safe margin of clearance under the keel, the control unit rings the alarm as soon as the lead-line

drags on the bottom or rises to cause slack. The unit is handy also for feeling the way to anchorage in strange waters or fog.

## Nazi Engine With Less Drag Gives Plane Extra Power

Apparently stealing a march on the world, according to a report from London, Germany is now using what is described as the most advanced airplane engine of today. It owes its success to a special cowling design that greatly reduces wind resistance. Installed in the Focke-Wulf 190, the BMW-801, as the engine is known, produces 1,580 horsepower on takeoffs and 1,460 horsepower at 16,300 feet.

## Microfilm "Reader" Casts Image On Self-Contained Screen

Records on microfilm are read easily with a projector, or "reader," which reproduces the image on its self-contained screen. Some documents can be reproduced in almost natural size. Aside from saving storage space, film records indirectly aid the war economy by reducing the number of steel cabinets required. One of the biggest industrial microfilming projects is under way at the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company's East Pittsburgh Works where 2,000,000 plans, drawings and charts are being transferred to 16 millimeter film.



Filmed records are easily read with the projector

*Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co. East Pittsburgh, Pa.*

*at. Lubback Army Flying School*  
*Lubback Texas*  
**Schoolboys' Planes Aid Cadets in Flying Class**



A cadet class at the Lubback Army Flying School in Texas identifying types of aircraft with model planes

Flying cadets in training schools throughout the United States are learning to identify planes of all types with the aid of models made by thousands of high

school boys. The models, carved from plans furnished by the Army and Navy, must meet exacting standards before they are approved for use in the training classes.

**Culvert Is Used to Trap Bears for "Moving Day" in Park**

Rangers in Yosemite National Park have devised a trap for bears that become "bad actors"—camp robbers that tear off kitchen doors—from a section of culvert pipe mounted on an auto front axle assembly. The corrugated steel pipe, closed on one end and with a trap door on the other, will hold the huskiest bear while he is being transported behind a ranger patrol car to the park's "concentration camp" for bruins in a more isolated part of the park—the high country back of Yosemite Valley.



"And don't come back," says the park ranger to his late prisoner as he lifts the steel door of the homemade trap made to order for unruly bears

OCTOBER, 1942

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*Arthur Holmes, Park, Calif.*

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If Japs or Nazis start dropping incendiaries, the five volunteers on this fire truck will know what to do



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## KEEPING *the* HOME FIRES *from* BURNING



Auxiliary "fire eaters" practicing with heavy stream of water

**V**OLUNTEER fire brigades, blitz buggies, and new ways to fight incendiary bombs are some of the American developments in preparation for possible air raids.

American ingenuity wasn't long in finding better ways to fight incendiaries after it was first thought that dry sand or a fine water spray were the only materials that could control them. Chemicals that snuff

*Cont. Stinson*

out such bombs, fog nozzles that confine their action, and long handled tools for removing them were developed. One inventor devised a shovel with a hollow handle full of sand. After the sand had been poured on the bomb it could then be scooped up with the shovel.

Battalion Chief James L. Danks of the Los Angeles Fire Department wasn't satisfied with these ideas. Some material for quenching an incendiary and then fighting the fire it might have started should be universally available, he decided. Water is available almost everywhere and will put out most fires, yet a solid stream of water makes a magnesium incendiary explode, scattering its fire. If he could overcome this objection he would have a practical answer to the fire bomb threat, Danks thought. He perfected a perforated metal cone with a long hollow pipe for a handle. The end of this pipe in turn is attached to a garden hose or portable water container. With this device Danks walks up to a raging magnesium incendiary, drops the cone



*Sand: Western Fire Protection Co  
Bomb  
611 E. 3rd St. Los Angeles, Calif*



Extinguishing an incendiary by pouring chemically treated sand on it from a long handled holder

over the bomb, and turns on the water. The bomb explodes in a burst of fire, naturally, but the cone confines the action and protects the surroundings. Ten or 20 seconds later the bomb is dead, part of its material unconsumed. Then, if a fire has already been started, Danks directs his stream of water at the base of the flames. With five gallons of water he can extinguish five incendiaries. The "dunk-er" is to be made available at nominal cost.

The most common incendiary is a small 2-pound bomb having a thick magnesium wall and a thermit core, materials that are chosen for their fierce fire and their resistance to ordinary extinguishing methods. They are by no means the only incendiaries used.

The Japs, for instance, have a thermit bomb that ranges in weight from 10 to 132 pounds. This is almost impossible to extinguish but is used principally against important military objectives. Against defenseless civilian populations the Japs use lighter, cheaper bombs in order to start many separate fires. One of these is an acid-reaction type that causes a



Demonstrating a new technique for carrying a victim from a burning building. Below, Chief Danks of the Los Angeles Fire Department uses his invention of perforated hood and spray to put out fire bomb

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Shield protects firemen from heat; "blitz buggy" carries pump and hose

small explosion and a small fire. These may be extinguished with water.

The Japs also employ a dual-purpose demolition and incendiary bomb that destroys as it explodes and that also scatters numerous rubber pellets that have been impregnated with phosphorus. These ignite upon contact with the air but may be extinguished with water. They may reignite up to 10 hours later if allowed to dry out. A scatter-type phosphorus bomb is hazardous against dry shingles, dry grass, and wooded areas. It sets up a dense white smoke but may be quenched with water. In exploding, all such phosphorus bombs are apt to shower the area with particles of phosphorus that will inflict painful and malignant burns. Such burns must be kept under water until even microscopic bits of the material can be removed.

Another favorite of the Japs is a fire bomb that has a steel nose, allowing it to penetrate several floors before it explodes and scatters a number of small magnesium bombs. These units then ignite, but may be controlled by any of the usual methods of handling magnesium incendiaries.

The purpose of fire bombs, broadcast from airplanes, is to start scores or hundreds of small fires that might grow to major proportions if not extinguished at

once. No municipal fire department can take care of so many fires, all occurring at the same time.

To help combat such fires, certain to occur if our enemies try an aerial raid, volunteer fire fighters are being trained in the cities and towns of each coast. In case of an air raid they have special jobs. Some will watch for the fall of incendiaries, spot the locations of the fires and extinguish them. The Office of Civilian Defense has been promising that these neighborhood groups, affiliated with the air raid warden system, will be supplied with hel-

nets, axes, water pumps, and other necessary equipment.

But the civilian volunteers haven't waited. They might need the promised equipment tonight, or tomorrow. In city after city, scores of fire fighting groups have put their heads together and devised amateur equipment to do the job. Every outfit is different but every one is ready for instant use. Push carts, automobile trailers, camping trailers, station wagons, and even toy wagons have been put to work. In some cases volunteers who didn't have or who couldn't buy the gear they needed have built the equipment from materials they

This fire fighting trailer carries along its own water supply



had on hand. Stirrup pumps can't be bought, so one air raid warden made his own, larger and more powerful than most, in his own home workshop. Toy wagons are outfitted with a reel of hose and small gasoline-driven pumps for throwing water in case the regular water supply fails and the only available supplies of water are from fish ponds or bath tubs. One amateur builder produced a special nozzle for his group's equipment. A flick of the thumb delivers a solid stream for fighting ordinary fires or makes available a fine spray for confining an incendiary bomb. Wives of the wardens and fire watchers are being trained to operate the apparatus in case their men are away during a raid.

Even thousands of fire watchers may not be able to combat the fires that start during a big raid. Some of the bombs might start fires that couldn't be fought with light equipment. Volunteer fire brigades are being trained for such emergencies. These groups are being organized in many parts of the country and are auxiliaries of the regular fire departments. In a way they are a return to the old days when all fire fighting was on a volunteer basis. Fifty percent of the volunteers in one city failed to pass the rigid physical examination and were rejected. In some cases the brigades are equipped with spare municipal apparatus, in other cases they create their own equipment under fire department direction. Some groups buy apparatus with their own funds. They train on week ends, using public apparatus until their own "rigs" are completed.

An example of such an organization is Brentwood Fire Fighters, Inc., consisting of business men whose homes are in one community near Los Angeles. The group is organized into three companies of eight men each, plus three full relief shifts. The men raised \$2,500 by public subscription and with

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Volunteer fire brigade attaching hose to hydrant during practice run with city fire truck under the supervision of "regulars"



Mounted on the wheels of a toy wagon are two stretchers, blankets, splints, a medicine chest and other first-aid equipment

Unloading fire fighting paraphernalia from the rear of a station wagon recently converted into an emergency "blitz buggy"





# Army's Machine Shop on Rails Repairs Any Weapon

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Railroad car, housing shop, repairs all kinds of weapons at front lines

Army weapons of all types can be repaired in the new rolling machine shops built into railway cars. Each completely equipped with a huge milling machine, shaper, grinders, drill presses and blacksmith shop, as well as thousands of precision instruments, tools, gauges and micrometers, the cars contain their own power plants in the form of two generators, one 15 kw. capacity and the other 5 kw. Housed near the latter are a large welding unit and an air compressor. Although designed primarily for maintenance of railway artillery, the shops can service and repair any army weapon from a .45 caliber automatic pistol to huge coast defense guns. While the cars were under construction, their design and equipment were altered from time to time in order

to take advantage of knowledge gained by experience in far-flung battlefields, hence they incorporate everything needed in a modern shop to perform the highly specialized service required of them. Either car, with its crew of experts, is adequate to serve a full battalion of railway guns. The cars weigh more than 50 tons each.

## Folding Rack Holds Stretcher in Sedan As in Ambulance

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Any two-door sedan can be converted instantly into an emergency ambulance in case of an air raid by fitting it with a turntable that receives a special cot. The only permanent installation is an unobtrusive plate to which the removable base may be anchored. The full-length cot, resting on a railing and loaded on the turntable which swings it into place, can be placed into or removed from the car in a matter of seconds. When it is not in use, the unit folds to a size small enough to be carried in the trunk.



Stretcher rack for sedan folds for loading into trunk, inset

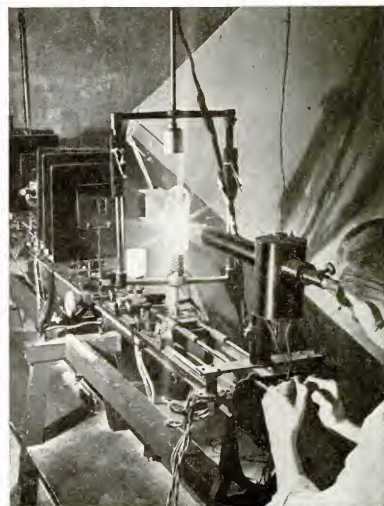
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**Lamps for Defense Tried in "Proving Ground"**

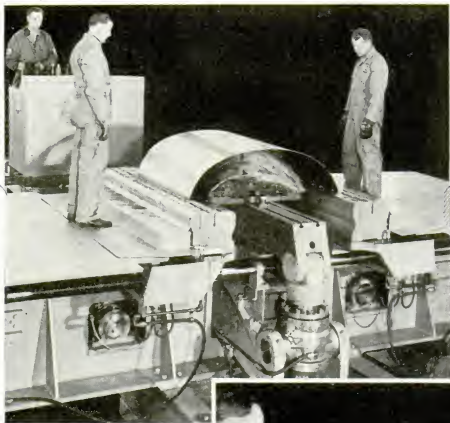


To keep their high degree of efficiency and reveal possible improvements, lamps for defense make regular trips to "testing lanes" as they leave Westinghouse production lines. Rectifiers, above, used in converting a.c. into d.c. for big industrial X-ray units, are jolted with 155,000 volts for 15 minutes. Excess voltage is discharged through an insulated "grounding stick" after the test



Top, candlepower of sodium vapor flood-lamp is measured by tiny beam that escapes through a small opening in large sphere. Bottom, 600-watt airplane head-lights, mounted on test truck, ride laboratory "railroad" while photocells chart their breadth and candlepower. Optical lenses, right, aid in determining temperatures of the filament of an airway beacon lamp; image of the filament is enlarged by the lenses and compared in viewer with image of a test filament of known temperature

# Skin Stretcher Shapes Metal for Airplane Panels

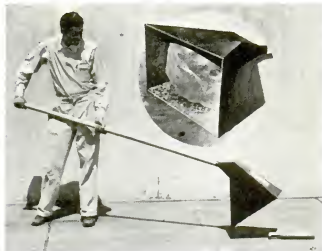


Efforts to speed production of war planes produced a "skin stretcher" for metal which accurately shapes panels for airplane fuselages and pontoons. The hydraulically operated machine holds a metal sheet between two massive jaws while a die is pushed upward to form the desired shape. Although the machine is now used exclusively by the aviation industry, it is expected to find wide use in the manufacture of all kinds of automobile parts after the war is over.

The man at left, above, is operating the levers of a powerful press that shapes parts for planes with a die that is pushed up against a metal sheet held in place by two iron jaws on top of the machine. Right, the finished product designed to speed production



## Shovel Dumps a Bomb Snuffer From Paper Bag on Inside



Placing shovel over bomb. Inset shows bag of "snuff"

Suspended inside a boxlike shovel is a paper bag filled with specially treated insulation material which quickly smothers incendiary bombs. A long wooden handle attached at a convenient angle enables the user to protect his face with the metal box when approaching a sputtering bomb. When the shovel is placed over the incendiary the paper bag burns, releasing the extinguishing material called "snuff" by its inventors. Four pounds of "snuff" are sufficient to smother a bomb in about two minutes. After the bomb is put out, the shovel may be turned over and used as a scoop. When loaded it weighs only 14 lbs.



## Seam Pattern Forms "Spider Web" in Balloon

Workmen and inspectors engaged in the making of huge barrage balloons find themselves surrounded by a mighty spider web pattern when they toil inside the "sausages" at an eastern plant of General Tire and Rubber Company. This pattern is created by seams in the gigantic bags. The similarity to the spider web does not stop here, since these balloons, filled with helium, are sent aloft to ensnare Axis fliers on raiding expeditions, thus protecting our armed forces and war factories from air-borne attack.

"Balloon tailors" crouching at work on balloon's seams while the inspector stands silhouetted against "spider web" backdrop that symbolizes the balloon's mission to entangle enemy airplanes

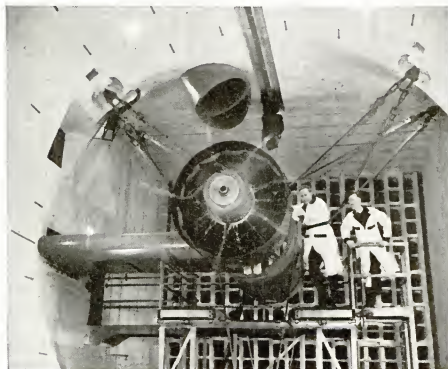


## Engines Test Torque on Rack Before They Take to Air

Airplane engines, lashed to a test stand, grind out a hard day's work just to show

what they can do in actual flight service. This engine mount is one of the two in-

stalled in the propeller research building, part of an aircraft engine laboratory being built by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics at Cleveland, O. The special purpose of these two test stands is to determine the amount of torque delivered by all types of aviation engines at different speeds. A total of \$18,000,000 will be spent in erecting the laboratory.



Aircraft engine undergoing test on one of the torque stands with two technicians on balcony watching results

*Ref: Alaska Calship Co. California Shipbuilding Corp. San Pedro, Calif.*  
**SISTER SHIPS - or are they?**



↑ Three freighters being equipped at outfitting dock

← The lead man of the gantry crane signals the operator to hoist away one of the prefabricated sections

ant motion while a duplicate ship in different service will be stiff and cranky.

The fact is that no two ships are identical. The little details that make them different are unavoidably built into their hulls. Almost every ship, for instance, turns easiest toward the side that got the most shade while it was being built. The side exposed to the sun during construction is a little fatter. Expansion from the heat may have even pushed the bow and stern frames out of line an inch or so.

Changes in the weather during the construction period also seem to affect the steering. This is especially true of welded hulls. Such vessels have slight inequalities in their lines, due to variations in welding shrinkage apparently caused by fluctuations in weather.

The hundreds of "Liberty" class freighters being built are of practically all-welded construction. The bows and sterns of many rise 3 or 4 inches higher than the plans specify because the heat of welding has expanded the metal. One shipyard is said to have tried to counteract this by changing the lines of a test ship so that the bow and stern hung slightly down. The expectation was that heat expansion would bring the ends up to specifications. But for some reason the ship stayed that way.

Riveted ships, too, tend to sag at the ends. Rivet holes are always  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch or so larger than the rivets and these slight clearances

*Cont. - Simpson*  
**B**UILT to the same exact specifications, of identical materials, hundreds of sturdy American freighters are being outfitted for service on the seven seas.

#### Sister ships?

To the eye they are as alike as pods on a vine. Yet seamen know that each ship will have a personality that is not quite the same as any other vessel in the world. One ship will steer differently than her sisters, another's compass must be adjusted more often, a third will have an easy buoy-



**Cranes lowering the completed forepeak in place on ways**

add up in a ship that is 500 or 600 feet long. As the ship takes form, the shipwrights use the decks and bulkheads to pull up the sagging ends and to help regulate the hull's shape.

To a certain extent a metal ship is a permanent magnet. The earth's lines of force magnetize the structure during the time it is being built. Shipwrights try to lay out their ways so that the ends of a ship under construction will point toward the magnetic poles. Thus when the ship is commissioned, compass corrections will be equal for each side of the ship. But this is hardly necessary today because merchant ships are launched so rapidly that they don't have a chance to acquire much magnetism. At the California Shipbuilding



Photos courtesy Calship Log

One of America's new fleet is about to be launched. Wartime ceremonies are brief, for in a few minutes a new keel will be laid in the ways just vacated

The cutting torch burns through steel with a shower of sparks, finishing shaping of deck section







Welders on night shift complete the forepeak section in shipyard

Model of wooden ship designed to ride low and carry warplanes



Corporation's yards at San Pedro, for instance, ships are being launched in 80 to 100 days instead of six months after their keels are laid. Outfitting time is reduced to no more than a month and a half. Usually a ship at the outfitting dock is turned around to point opposite to the direction in which it was built, to help dissipate magnetism picked up during construction.

The way a ship rides in the water depends principally on her cargo. Loaded with light bulky material that provides a high center of gravity, the ship is lively and handles easily. But load the same ship with the same weight of ore and it becomes a stiff ship that is awkward to maneuver.

Any ship operates best in the service for which it was designed. The naval architects consider the type of cargo, length of voyage, desired speed, and other requirements in laying out their plans, and then produce a ship that is most economical for that special service. Place it in a different sort of service and

it won't do as well. The best example of this is a big transatlantic liner that is built for speed and comfort. Her bulbous forefoot is a stabilizing feature and in effect improves the ship's length-speed ratio, making for less resistance through the water at her regular speed. Yet if the same ship were to be put in coastwise service, going in and out of many ports at slower speed, her bulbous forefoot would be a hindrance to economy.

Early this year America was launching one ship a day. Now that rate has been stepped up to two ships a day and before the year is over our shipyards will be launching three ocean going vessels every 24 hours. This is one of the miracles of modern times and is possible partly because of an efficient prefabrication system. It takes too long today to build up

a ship plate by plate. Instead, whole sections are assembled as units. A 30-ton section of inner bottom, with all frames and piping installed, is prefabricated in the yard, then picked up by a crane and set down ready to be welded to the shell plating and to its neighboring sections of inner bottom. The forepeak, complete with stringers and bulkheads, is put in place

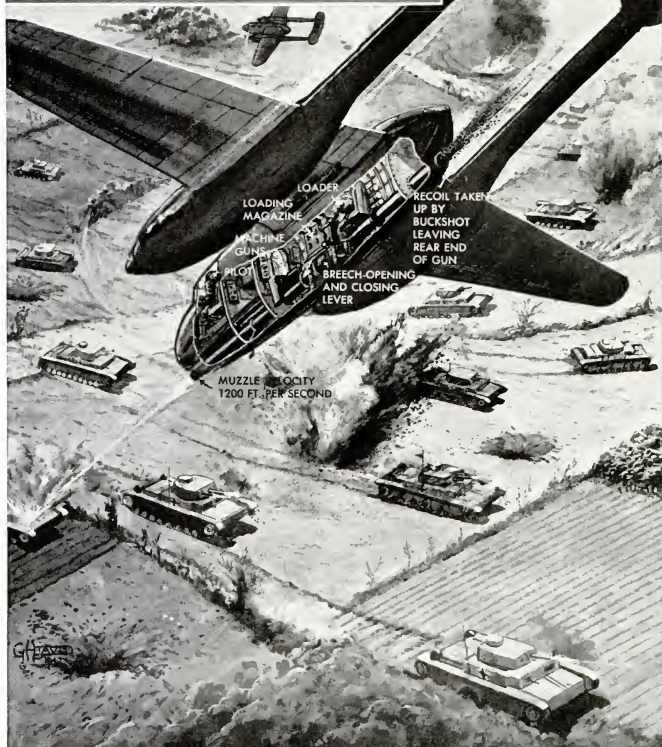
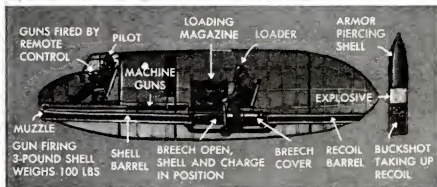
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A Liberty freighter makes her trial trip under wartime convoy



# Buckshot Backfire Absorbs Recoil of Big Gun

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Warplanes of the future may fire three-inch and larger shells, if development of the Davis nonrecoil gun, proposed in England, proves successful. Its barrel extends to front and rear of the plane, and the shell, with its charge at the center, provides for a "backfire" of buckshot to absorb the shock. Such guns, tried years ago, developed a muzzle velocity of 1,200 feet per second

# HOW A SHIP IS LAUNCHED



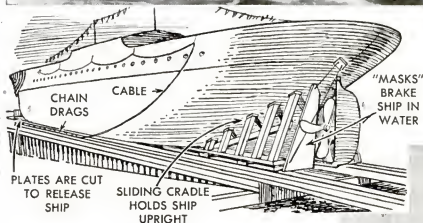
Below, workmen wielding acetylene torches to cut through one of the two steel "burn off" plates that hold the ship from sliding down the ways after the shoring, the bilge cribs and keel blocks are removed. The diagram shows the plates with a row of holes drilled through the center. At the command: "Burn one!" the workmen cut from the outside to the first hole on both plates. "Burn two!" calls for cutting from the inside edge to the nearest hole. This process, synchronized with the launching ceremony, is kept up until weight of ship snaps plates and it begins to move down the ways

It takes a lot more than a smashed bottle of champagne and a few cheers to launch a new ship. Hours of careful preparation are required, not only to free the vessel from the land but to stop it after it is afloat. Often in a narrow channel a ship must be stopped in several lengths. Most ships are launched stern first, but in yards where the channels are too narrow the boats are built parallel to the channel and launched sideways like the new vessel shown above during a launching at the Consolidated Steel company yards



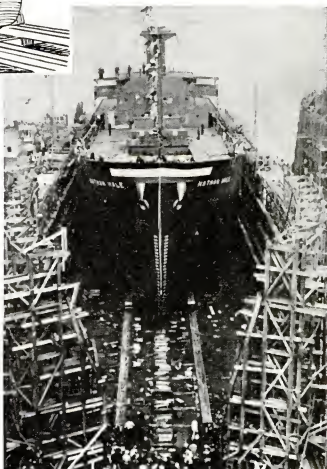
Plunging past the spectators, left, during a side launching goes the stern of a new vessel. It looks simple to the onlookers, but preparations started the day before with the greasing of the ways at low tide. Supporting blocks drop as button is pushed





The diagram shows a vessel ready to be launched stern first. Flat wooden "masks" act as brakes when the ship slides into the water. A sliding cradle holds the boat upright as it moves down the ways and 50 tons of drag chain laid in troughs on either side check the vessel's speed. Below, workmen applying a heavy coat of grease to ways

One of Uncle Sam's new submarines, above, the U.S.S. Peto, takes to the waves at a Wisconsin shipyard far from the smell of salt water. It's the first undersea fighter launched on the Great Lakes. Below, launching one of the new Liberty ships at the California Shipbuilding Corp. yards



## Tiny Figure Hits Bell in Rhythm With Phonograph Music



Little "Sambo" has rhythm, striking bell in time with music

In his home workshop, Joe Kovalsky, a design engineer for Westinghouse, makes a hobby of producing electrical oddities to amuse his friends and to perform services in the home. One brain child, called Sambo, is a six-inch rhythm master carved out of wood. Seated on a chair with a hammer in his right hand, the little figure beats time to music from a phonograph record by striking a bell. The musical notes send electrical impulses through wires telling him when to swing the hammer.

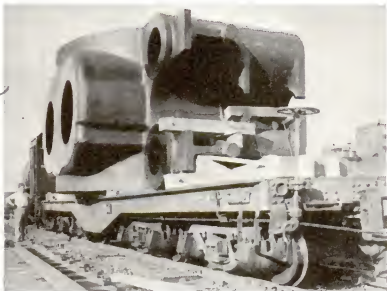
## Three New Developments Could Lift Plane Limits

Achievement of three possible developments in aviation which were described by Dr. Jerome C. Hunsaker, chairman of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, would result in lessening certain limitations now affecting airplanes, and might very well give to the nation leadership in the present world-wide race for superiority in military flying. The first development, a successful gas

turbine, would permit escape from the difficult task of lubricating present engines at high temperatures, would eliminate the cooling system, and allow operation at 10,000 to 12,000 revolutions per minute instead of the 3,000 obtained now. Second, a practical rocket plane would discard all engines and propellers, being propelled by the rush of gases from an orifice at the rear of the plane. Since air is not essential in its operation, the rocket idea would be particularly useful at high altitudes where the air is rare. The third concerns a new-type wing structure that would prevent the air becoming turbulent in flowing over it. If air could be made to flow over the wing smoothly it might reduce by one-half the resistance or drag felt by the ship. Aeronautical engineers in many parts of the world are giving attention to all three developments.

## Casting for Heavy Press Is Load for a Flatcar

Bedded down on a flatcar for shipment, a massive steel casting—one of the largest ever produced, according to officials of the Mesta Machine company at Pittsburgh—made a full carload. In making this top cap for a 12,000-ton armor plate press, 600,000 pounds of metal were poured.



Flatcar dwarfed by one-piece steel cap for 12,000-ton press

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## Shooting-Barrier Guards Workers on Range

To end the risk of accidental shootings at the pistol range used by police at Rock Island, Ill., a fool-proof barrier has been installed to halt target practice while workmen enter the range to adjust or change the targets. Heretofore attendants depended on verbal notice of their intention to go into the range area, but such notices were not always properly received or heeded, resulting in accidents. The new barrier, installed by Patrolman Willis Lucas, consists of upright boards fastened to a sliding bar extending across the range. In shooting position the uprights stand in front of the separations between pits, where they are out of the way. But when an attendant enters the range he must shove the bar away from the passageway, which automatically moves



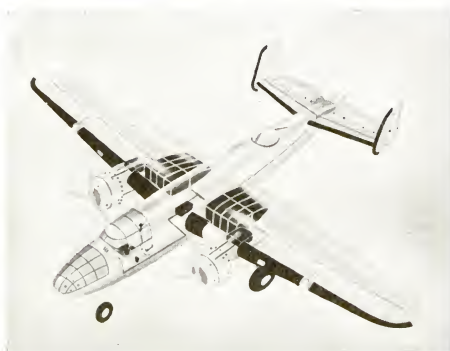
Barriers are shown in front of booths to warn shooters against firing

the uprights sidewise until they stop in front of the shooters so they cannot take aim. As an additional warning, a string from one of the uprights is attached to the pull-chain which turns on a red light.

## Bomber's "Skeleton" of Rubber Includes 8 Miles of Wire

In building a war machine to outblitz the Axis powers, rubber assumes an important role among the indispensable materials.

For aeronautical uses alone 80 items are produced by B. F. Goodrich company. The large quantity of natural and synthetic rubber needed in an American medium bomber has been illustrated by shading portions of a drawing to indicate the points where the commodity is used. A bomber of this size and type contains more than eight miles of rubber-covered wire and cable.



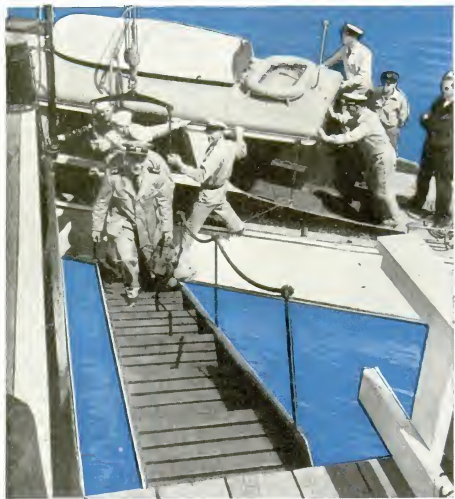
Black shading in drawing of American medium bomber marks parts of the ship where rubber must be used in its construction and its accessories

Of the 44,189,669 telephones in the world, the United States has 21,928,000, Germany 4,226,000, Great Britain 3,348,000; but on a basis of telephones per 100 population, the United States, Sweden, New Zealand and Canada lead.



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# YACHTSMEN *Los Angeles* *save* on PATROL



One of the many jobs performed by the Coast Guard Auxiliaries is to deliver men and supplies to the lighthouses and other off-shore stations

THE ten days between May 26 and June 4, 1940, will live gallantly in history. After a series of smashing blows by German plane-tank teams, the British Army had retreated to the beach at Dunkirk. The Nazi generals were certain the British were licked.

Then the miracle happened.

Through the thick fog which blanketed the channel came thousands of small boats—trim yachts, sturdy tugs, sleek cabin cruisers, fishing smacks, holiday excursion boats, ferry boats. They were manned by schoolboys, by amateur yachtsmen and fishermen, by grey-haired oldsters. Into the hell of bullets and bombs of Dunkirk they went and brought 335,000 weary British Tommies back to England.

Here in the United States in 1942, Uncle Sam's own "putt-putt" Navy is doing a job as important, if not as spectacular, as that performed by the stout-hearted British

small-boat operators. Several thousand private sail and power-driven craft are helping to guard the 40,000 miles of shoreline along America's two coasts. They are the flotillas of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, a volunteer organization which has taken over many of the peacetime duties of the regular Coast Guard.

One of the world's truly unique naval outfits, the Coast Guard Auxiliary patrols our harbors, rivers and coastlines from the rocky inlets of Maine to the palm-fringed keys of Florida, and from Puget Sound to San Diego. You'll find the Auxiliary on the job at San Francisco, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Philadelphia, New York, Boston and a score of smaller harbors.

They are the eyes and ears of our coastal defense. Long familiar with the ships and anchorage in our harbors, the Auxiliaries spot suspicious craft instantly. Twenty-four hours a day they

watch for spies, saboteurs, fires. They supervise the loading and unloading of ammunition and carry supplies to off-shore stations. A goodly part of their work cannot be discussed for reasons of military security.

The idea for the Auxiliary grew out of the fertile brain of Admiral Russell R. Waesche, Commandant of the Coast Guard, who has been called "the greatest idea man in the history of the service."

Several years ago this far-sighted Coast Guard officer noted the storm clouds on the international horizon. He decided that in time of war a well-trained, volunteer, civilian organization of small boat operators could be of great help to the regular Coast Guard—freeing it from its harbor police duties for more important tasks.

He knew where to get this organization. Pleasure boating in the United States before the war was a \$100,000,000 industry



Because of their military status, members of the "putt-putt navy" are welcome at all Coast Guard stations. At upper right, enlisted men on duty with Auxiliary boats are given gunnery training at Naval Training Stations

A Coast Guard enlisted man poises on deck of a small boat, ready for action with a Lewis gun

which involved about 300,000 small power boats and something like a million enthusiasts. He thought that if war should come, up to 100,000 of these small boats could be utilized.

So Admiral Waesche drew up plans for his "putt-putt" Navy. It was established on June 23, 1939, and originally called the Coast Guard Reserve. Eighteen months later, the Reserve became a military organization and the "putt-putt" Navy became the Coast Guard Auxiliary on February 19, 1941.

Originally it was set up with four main purposes: (1) to further interest in safety at sea and upon navigable waters, (2) to promote better understanding of the laws and



Flagship of Flotilla 22 at San Pedro, Calif., is 50-foot, \$50,000 cabin cruiser "Warwyne"





The skipper stands at the helm of one of the Auxiliary boats

regulations relating to motorboats and yachts, (3) to provide a wider knowledge of navigation and operation of vessels, and (4) to co-operate with the regular Coast Guard in certain of its duties.

It now does all these things and more—since the regular Coast Guard's 267 cutters, ranging from 65 to 327 feet in length, have been armed with anti-aircraft guns, machine guns, depth charges and sound detectors for war on the high seas. While the regular Coast Guard is out looking for bigger game, the Auxiliary guards against poachers at home.

Because it is a voluntary organization,

the Auxiliary is composed of men in all walks of life. There may be a millionaire playboy with a \$50,000 cabin cruiser; a fisherman with his weatherbeaten boat, or perhaps a college student with his trim little sailboat. There are lawyers and lobster fishermen, mechanics and movie stars, doctors and drug store owners.

They are civilians who, because of families, jobs, physical disabilities or age cannot get into the Army or Navy. But this is their way of helping to beat the Axis.

Basic unit of the Auxiliary is the flotilla, consisting of at least ten members and ten boats. It is

a relatively autonomous body, headed by a Commander, a vice Commander and a junior Commander. These officers are elected on a democratic basis and are usually wise old yachtsmen or fishermen. Flotillas are grouped into divisions and divisions are grouped according to Coast Guard districts.

To be eligible for membership, an Auxiliaryman must be a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, and must have 25 percent interest or more in a motorboat or yacht.

The Coast Guard classifies a motorboat as a documented or numbered vessel, propelled by machinery, and not more than 65 feet in length. A yacht is defined as a documented or numbered vessel used exclusively for pleasure or any sailboat used exclusively for pleasure over 16 feet in length, measured from end to end over the deck excluding sheer.

A candidate must prove his seamanship by demonstrating a thorough knowledge of the handling and operating of vessels, the rules of the road, the buoyage system of the United States and navigation laws applicable to his vessel. In addition, his boat must be competently operated, well found, ship-shape and equipped in accordance with the law, with ground tackle, signal devices and safety equipment.

Surf boats meet in rendezvous before taking troops ashore. Some Auxiliarymen have been called to help in surf operations





The Auxiliaryman donates both his time and his boat. He serves when he can get away from his job—usually 24 hours at a stretch. This may be once a week or once a month. While on active service, he and his boat are under military orders of the Coast Guard and are operated at the expense of the government. Many of the larger and more seaworthy boats have been turned over to Uncle Sam for the duration. A careful inventory is taken of the condition of these boats and at the end of the war they will be turned back to the owner in as good a condition as when taken over, normal wear considered.

Auxiliary boats may be painted a dull gray when in service of the Coast Guard and the red and white striped flag of the Coast Guard flies from their masts. Some of the craft are equipped with Lewis guns and the crew members wear side arms when trouble is expected. Enlisted men are trained in



Landings in surf are no trick for small boat men. Shallow-draft boat runs up sand and drops gangplank



gunnery at U. S. Naval training stations.

While on duty, the Auxiliaryman serves in a capacity comparable to a Coast Guard Reservist. He wears a khaki work uniform similar to that of regular Coast Guard officers, except that it has no shoulder or cap insignia. According to age and experience, deck officers are rated as navigators, senior navigators and master navi-

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Coast Guard flag is run up on an Auxiliary boat getting under way

Gunnery crews of the Coast Guards practice loading at a Naval Station



## Self-Fastening Plastic Strip Seals Joints and Seams

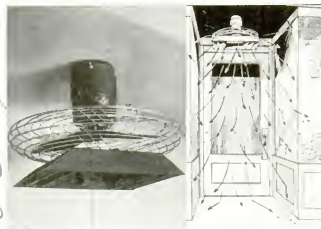


Plastic molding holds firmly when pounded into seam

Unightly seams and joints in walls can be finished neatly with a plastic strip requiring no nails, adhesives or other means outside itself for attachment. Made of resilient Tenite, the shatterproof strip is so shaped that it automatically secures itself to the wall when forced into the seam. The strips require no painting and are available in various colors.

## "Wind Curtain" Over Doorway Sweeps Away Flies

Flies run into difficulty when they try to enter a doorway guarded by a gentle flow of air directed downward from an



Breeze from fan, left, blows flies away from door

overhead fan, called a fly chaser. The breeze is not strong enough to distract persons going in and out, yet it wafts away insects hovering nearby when the screen door opens. The electric fan is mounted above doorways of stores, offices, dairies, restaurants and other buildings where doors are opened frequently.

## Rubber and 'Gas' Made From Oil In a Single Process

Raw materials for producing synthetic rubber and an improved quality of aviation gasoline can now be obtained simultaneously from petroleum, by a new method worked out by scientists of the Standard Oil Development company. It is expected that the process will increase by two and one-half to three times the potential capacity of plants being built for the production of butadiene, a synthetic rubber material. A Standard Oil plant under construction, which will apply the new process, is scheduled to turn out butadiene at the rate of 13,000 to 17,000 tons a year.

## Soil-Test Ribbon Changes Color To Gauge Plant Needs

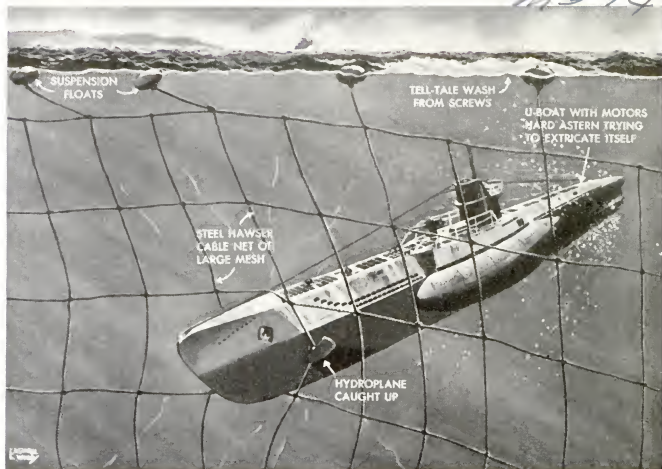


Paper ribbon shows whether soil is acid or alkaline

Soil can be tested quickly to determine if it is "sweet," "medium" or "sour" with a tester that consists of a roll of paper ribbon and a color chart. When the ribbon is dipped into a sample of soil it changes color. A glance at the chart shows the condition of the soil. Accompanying the tester is a table of soil preferences for more than 300 plants and instructions on treating the soil if it is too acid or too alkaline for the desired planting.

POPULAR MECHANICS

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**Steel Net to Trap Submarine by Its "Gills"**



One of the defensive weapons developed during this war is a gigantic steel net devised to ensnare an enemy submarine by its "gills." The antisubmarine net itself is not an innovation; it was used in World War I to shut German U-boats out of the British, French and Italian harbors and naval bases. One British plant turned out 597 miles of these nets! The new type, however, is designed not merely to halt a submarine at the harbor mouth but to trap it. The heavy steel wire is laid in squares at least six feet wide, allowing the prow of the submarine to penetrate it until the vessel's hydroplanes—its "gills"—or other projections are caught in the net and it is impossible to free the ship by backing out. Telltale bubbles and the wash from the propellers would betray any attempt of a sub to escape. The huge net is supported by floats

These submarine nets are laid out on a vast rectangular pier of concrete near a point of embarkation, and when completed it is an easy matter to transfer them aboard the special net-laying vessels for removal to their strategic spot





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Hidden in the dense branches of a tree, with a few twigs pulled aside to give him a field of fire, a western "Minuteman" sights his rifle on a highway to help stop an approaching force of invaders

**I**F THE Japs should ever try to raid our Pacific coast they would find the west just as wild as it used to be.

Cow punchers, hard rock miners, farmers, even business men and factory workers have oiled their rifles and are keeping them handy. Good hunters make good snipers and crack shooting is a tradition in the west. Right after America entered the

war a spontaneous movement to put their rifles in good shape swept the western population. Armed men began to band together in many communities. Now efforts are being made to organize the groups into official home guard units.

Occasionally one of these guerrilla outfits holds a practice maneuver on a week end. Possibly they will infiltrate the hills that command a stretch of major highway. But the chances are you won't see a man unless you are a member of the group. Dressed in old clothes and armed with a variety of old and new guns of assorted calibers, they will be taking advantage of every bush and contour to get to their positions. Each has killed his share of big game and knows how to remain hidden. Each knows his gun and just where to place his shots.

He knows, too, that modern smokeless powder won't give his position away. Even after dark his

A deputy sheriff brings a new target to the practice range; back of old target is well chewed by bullets of practice rounds



gun makes only a tiny flash. In hilly country his shots echo back and forth in a confusing way. It would take a lucky shot to wipe him out, while he can aim and fire at will. Half a dozen men in ambush could account for scores of enemy soldiers.

After he has settled down where he has a good view of the road he lays out his water bottle and cartridges, and gets ready for business. First he makes a careful estimate of the range to help turn his first sighting shot into a hit. He will remember to place his shots low, to avoid the common tendency to hit over the target in down-hill shooting. Next he makes certain that he is invisible both from the target area and from above. If he doesn't have all the camouflage he wants he may even put on an improvised cardboard mask, mottled dull brown and green to blend with the background, to hide the whiteness of his face.

Most of the guerrillas would operate on foot in an emergency. Some groups are mounted on horses, others have motorcycles.

How valuable are such irregulars? The Army has thousands of men on the west coast but these soldiers have to be concentrated in the main defense areas. The guerrillas are everywhere, anywhere they



This hunter is molding his own bullets to reload his shells



Wearing a cardboard mask that matches a protecting stone wall, a rifleman snipes at the enemy with a high-powered sporting rifle. Below, civilian motorcyclists train for guerrilla war





Members of a western mounted posse assemble under a sheriff's leadership for a training ride. These horsemen are all experienced cow punchers

happen to live. They can operate alone or in groups. They don't need maps. They have camped out enough to know how to take care of themselves. No matter where paratroops might try to land, expert riflemen would try to kill them in the air. No matter where a beach landing might be attempted, snipers in the brush would be picking off some of the troops while others spread the alarm.

The Russian irregulars have been a constant irritation to Hitler's troops, and the British homeguardsmen expect to fight from behind every stone wall if their island is invaded. The modern American Minutemen, too, would fight a delaying action until reinforced. If not badly outnumbered they expect to win any skirmish, even against armored forces.

That's where the miners come in. Powder men who have been using dynamite for years, some of them so expert that they can "split kindling wood and stack it by the door with half a stick," have been studying ways to use their explosives. Tanks and armored cars can be stopped with a few sticks of dynamite rightly used. Some super-high-velocity hunting rifles will penetrate the armor of light tanks and smash the motors of other vehicles.

In Washington, a newly organized state home guard is uniformed and to some extent is armed with bayoneted rifles. This group is drilling under Army supervision and would operate on a guerrilla basis instead of as a massed force in time of need.

Armed men in many Oregon communities have held organization meetings, 1,000 armed civilians having been rallied at the small town of Tillamook alone.

In California the call has gone out for an army of snipers 100,000 strong. Men between 16 and 65 are wanted and those who haven't done much shooting will be trained in sniper's tricks by experienced sharpshooters. There are more than a quarter of a million licensed hunters in the state and practically all of them have their own weapons. The present

plan calls for authorizing these men to use their arms by swearing them in as deputy sheriffs.

Two examples illustrate the organizations that have been formed. Ed Lucas, a California Shipbuilding employee, is rounding up the motorcycle riders in the plant for guerrilla service. Eugene Bis-

Masked sniper takes a post in the crotch of a tree





cailluz, sheriff of Los Angeles county, has expanded his mounted posse to 350 men, consisting of small bands of rough riding horsemen with headquarters in their own communities. The Calabasas auxiliary of this outfit, for instance, consists of 30 trained cow punchers who are accustomed to working cattle in rough country. Their horses must stand the blast of a 30-30 from the saddle and the men practice their marksmanship by shooting at running coyotes. They have added first aid, handling of incendiaries, and sniping tricks to their training.

It's hard to find a revolver or rifle for sale in the west today. Practically everything available has been bought up. Standard calibers of ammunition are just as scarce. Few shells will be wasted on game this fall, now that it's open season all year round on Jap invaders, though the cartridge situation isn't as bad as it might be because hunters are learning to reload used shells.

Not everyone knows that used rifle shells can be reloaded and reused, 10 or 20 times or more, at much less expense than the cost of new shells. Many hunters reload them by hand, buying jacketed bullets or pouring their own bullets from a mold. Primers cost 40 cents a hundred. Powder must be weighed on an accurate balance. A loading tool that recaps the shell, seats the bullet in the neck, and reshapes the neck to size, costs \$5.50 and up. It costs \$2



Members of the sheriff's posse improve their aim on this practice range



One of the motorcycle guerrillas takes a prone firing position over his "mount." Below, a marksman is crouched behind a tree in command of a mountain road. Wire cable is strung across road to slow the advance guard





These guerrillas of the ranchlands are a reminder of the pioneer days of "hoss thieves" and Indian wars

Lying in ambush on a ridge commanding a canyon road, a hunter awaits the enemy with shells and range-finding telescope beside him



to \$5 per hundred to reload 30.06 shells, depending on type of bullet and size of powder charge, as compared to \$11 per hundred for new cartridges.

If you have an old rifle, look it over carefully before you shoot it. Give it a thorough cleaning and oiling. If the action is slow and gummy, take it to a capable gunsmith. Inspect the bore for stoppages and be sure you can see all the rifling inside. It's never safe to shoot a gun that doesn't look perfect inside. If you have a stock of old shells, wipe them off with an oily rag. Don't use them if their necks have split. They may still shoot but in some guns they will be dangerous.

## Tin 'Washed' From Inferior Ores With 'Electrical Spray'

Demonstrated with success in the Westinghouse laboratories, an "electrical spray" was used in "washing" tin and other metals such as gold and iron from low-grade ores. In one case, the ore contained only one and one-half percent tin, and the device produced a concentration containing about 70 percent tin, suitable for smelting. The separation principle is similar to the attraction of iron filings to an ordinary magnet. Since tin particles are good conductors of electricity, the sprayed electrical charges seep through them and into the foot-wide metal drum of the separator turning with a surface speed of 12 miles an hour. The tin particles, losing their charges before the drum has made more than one-half turn, let go and fall off the drum. However, the poorer conducting sand and rock

particles retain their charges and cling to the drum until pulled off by a series of oppositely charged wires when they reach the second half of the revolution. In this way the particles are deposited in two neat piles, one containing nearly all the tin mixed with a small amount of rock and sand, and the other rock and sand with only a very small percentage of tin. Ores must be dried thoroughly before the separator will handle them properly, but it is believed that the method will prove more efficient than present ones which do not require drying. The electrostatic separator can separate mixtures of any two materials, provided one part is a conductor of electricity and the other a very poor conductor. It is considered possible that the machine may even be used to purify foods.

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## Truck Emits "Cloud" to Smother Burning Plane

One ton of liquid carbon dioxide per minute can be sprayed on an airplane that has crashed and burst into flames by a fire truck developed at Wright Field, materiel center of the Army Air Corps at Dayton, Ohio. Clouds of carbon dioxide thrown out by the truck permit it to approach close to a burning plane. The flames are driven back and smothered and the hot metal is



Approaching a burning plane, the truck sprays carbon dioxide from nozzles on front. Inset, control panel

cooled sufficiently to allow rescue crews to pull out the occupants. Two large nozzles are attached to the front of the truck. One is mounted on the end of a long boom that can be raised or lowered, and the other in front of the radiator. A ground sweep nozzle stretches the full width across the front of the truck. All are controlled from a panel in the driver's cab. In addition, two

hose reels are mounted on either side of the truck, each holding 100 feet of hose. A storage tank holds three tons of liquid carbon dioxide which is kept at zero temperature by an electrical refrigerator. This makes it possible to store the liquid in a comparatively light pressure tank. Airport firemen can handle the apparatus with the ease of a small hand extinguisher.

## Propeller to Push Rocket Plane Through Dense Lower Atmosphere

Auxiliary turbine-driven propellers will be used to lift the rocket plane of the future through the dense lower atmosphere into the stratosphere, according to Dr. Robert H. Goddard of Roswell, N. M., an authority on rocket aircraft. He recently patented a turbine that can be attached to a rocket plane and cut loose in the stratosphere. The auxiliary unit would be float-

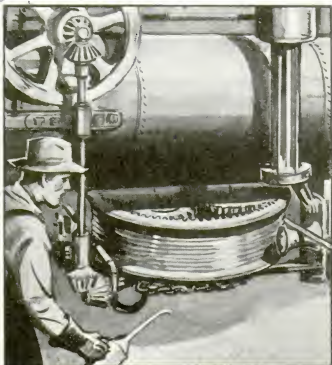
ed back to earth on parachutes while the plane roars on its way pushed by the blast of rocket jets. Propulsion by propellers is more efficient and less wasteful of fuel in dense atmosphere, Dr. Goddard reports.

Look in the index to find where to buy articles described in this magazine. Say You Saw It in Popular Mechanics.

*Dr. Robert H. Goddard  
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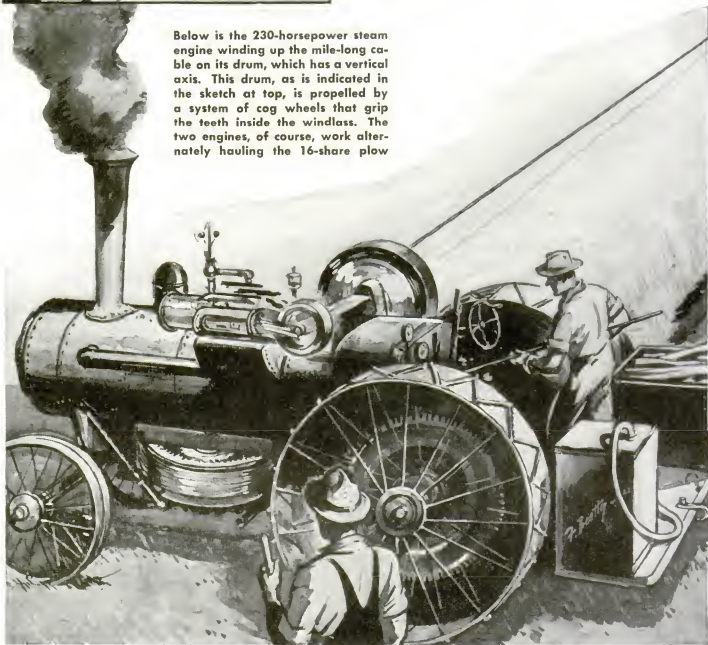


# Steam Engines Haul Plow on Mile-Long Cable

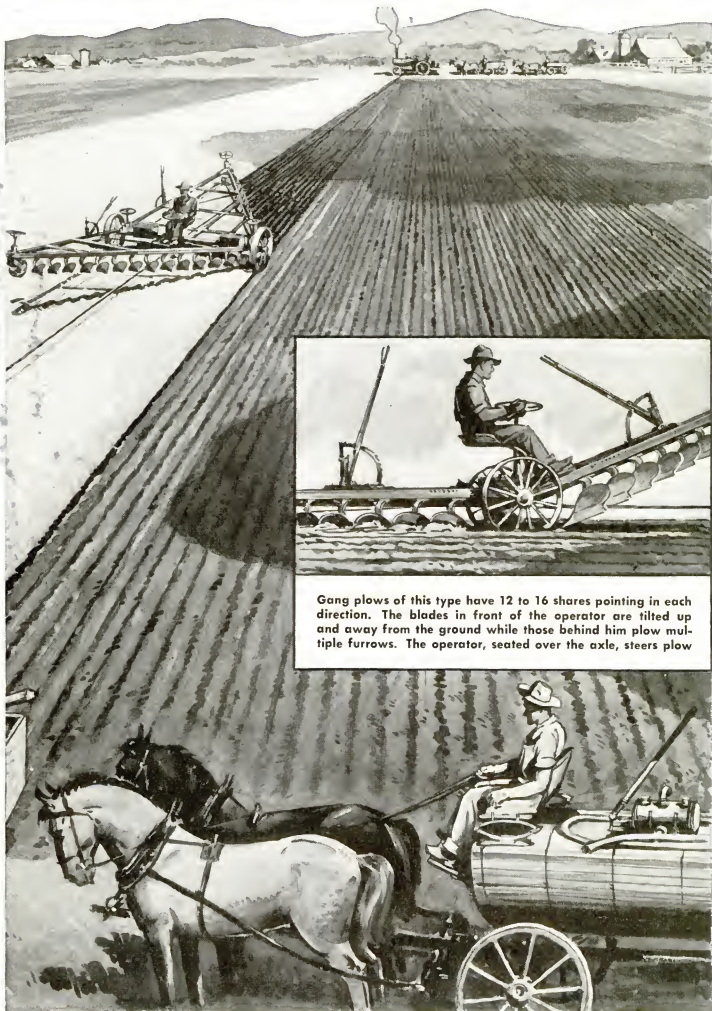


Gang plows that cut 16 furrows are crossing and recrossing the fields of hungry Europe, drawn back and forth by cables wound on the windlass of twin steam engines stationed at opposite ends of a field a mile wide. Invented in England, this steam plow is now in use in Germany, where its 230-horsepower engine burning coal or wood is economical in an oil-poor land. The reversible plow frame is triangular; reaching the end of the field, the 16 blades which have just finished their furrows tilt upward and 16 others facing the opposite direction dig into the ground for the return trip. The two steam engines, which somewhat resemble our familiar steam road rollers, move along the two edges of the field as the plowing progresses.

Below is the 230-horsepower steam engine winding up the mile-long cable on its drum, which has a vertical axis. This drum, as is indicated in the sketch at top, is propelled by a system of cog wheels that grip the teeth inside the windlass. The two engines, of course, work alternately hauling the 16-share plow



# Reversible Shares Cut 16 Furrows Each Way



Gang plows of this type have 12 to 16 shares pointing in each direction. The blades in front of the operator are tilted up and away from the ground while those behind him plow multiple furrows. The operator, seated over the axle, steers plow

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## Five-in-One Garden Tool Has Adjustable Head

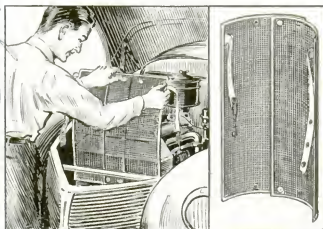


Three adjustments of the same implement reveal how the head can be tilted for many uses in the garden

Rake, hoe, plow, spade and weeder are combined in one garden tool with an adjustable head. One side is a rake, the opposite side a hoe; one end is a plow, the opposite end a spade. By tipping the head to the desired angle it may also be used as a weeder. The head is mounted on a notched disc at the base of the handle and is adjusted by pulling a spring crosspiece.

## Adjustable Screen for Radiator Fits Most Automobiles

Out of sight behind the grill when installed, a new automobile radiator insect screen is adjustable to fit almost any car.



Bug screen, right, easily fitted to auto radiator

It consists of two parts fitted with button clasps permitting adjustment of the screen to three widths for narrow, medium and broad front radiators. Straps fastening about the radiator are provided with eyelets and a coil spring hook allowing for radiators of various thicknesses.

## Fly Spray Made From Pine Oil Replaces Jap Pyrethrum

Made from southern pine extracts, an insect-killing chemical can be substituted for pyrethrum and rotenone ordinarily used in fly sprays. It is effective against flies, moths, mosquitoes, roaches, bedbugs, spiders and other insects. Experiments in the laboratory of the Hercules Powder Company at Wilmington, Del., reveal that the new chemical kills female flies as well as male. Pyrethrum sprays—for some unknown reason—have been chiefly effective against male flies.

## Transparent Plastic Coil Spring Snaps Back Like Steel



"Glass" spring can be pulled and stretched like metal

Made of transparent plastic, a coil spring with the resiliency of the steel product has the advantage of being rustproof. This plastic spring, developed to conserve vital war materials, is handy for home use for it is easily cleaned, will stand constant and rough usage and is decorative.

⚡ Tungsten filament wire used in Mazda lamps is measured on scales accurate within 40 billionths of a pound, sensitive enough to weigh a penciled signature.

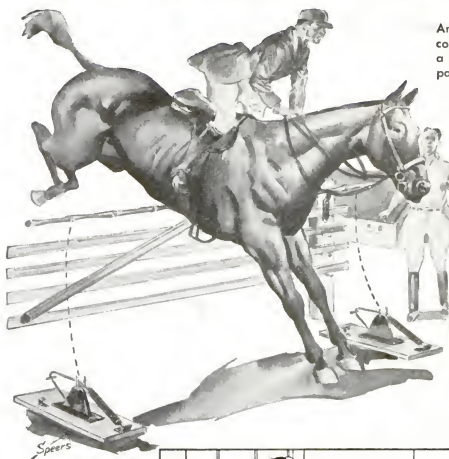
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# Trip Bar for Jumper Is Among New Patents

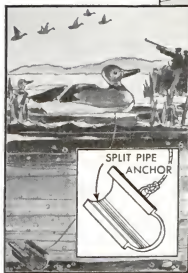
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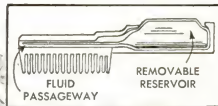
An automatic "whip" for training horses to jump hurdles consists of a light rod which is laid across two springs. If the horse knocks a pole from the hurdle top the rod is hurled upward against the under side of the horse



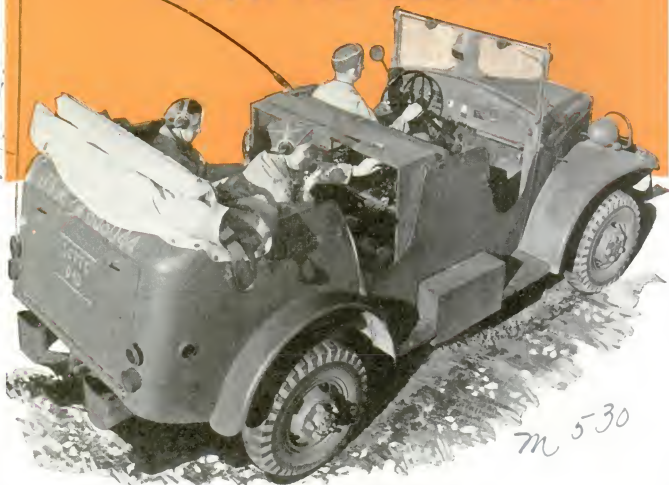
Left, combined bassinet and dressing table for infants opens up like a telescope. The frame supporting the basket slides back to reveal a table top with protecting rim and a depressed space on one end to hold toilet articles. Below is a catcher attachment for power-driven hedge trimmers, the cutter blade mounted on a bar. (All articles on this page were among recent patents, but there is no other information available for prospective purchasers)



Duck hunters would welcome this anchor for decoys that prevents them from drifting too far from a blind. It is made of a split pipe of heavy material and attached with a line



# RADIO TRAFFIC CONTROL



Ready to push into the "battle" zone during maneuvers, this radio crew will make the short waves hum. Below, radio traffic patrol car used in Brooklyn, N. Y.



**I**F YOU think that radio is something that can be tuned in and out of your life according to your momentary interest in music and news, radio engineers are winding up to hand you a few jolts in the not-too-far-off future.

Perhaps in two years, probably in five, but almost certainly at the close of the war, you are likely to have a radio traffic cop in the instrument panel of the family auto.

Somewhere on the dial of your auto radio you probably will have a notch or mark—a stranger among the channels already allocated to your favorite broadcasting stations—and if you are a law-abiding citizen you will watch for signs along the highway which might read: "Tune in for highway radio."

You might tune in and hear:

"Urgent . . . all cars . . . military convoy approaching at high speed . . . pull off the road immediately . . . urgent . . . all cars . . ."

Or the message might be:

"Caution . . . all motorists . . . bad traffic accident two miles south . . . road blocked . . . approach with caution . . . watch out for

Sitting in his locomotive cab, a railroad engineer talks to the crew farther back in the train

speeding police cars and ambulances . . .

Or a wartime warning might come:

"Danger . . . all motorists driving south . . . detour at nearest right turn . . . highway under attack . . . stop and take advantage of first shelter. . ."

Washington officials have already discussed the advisability of setting aside a radio channel for motorists so that all roads could be patrolled by radio traffic cops. They would regulate civilian traffic to eliminate interference with troop and military supply movements and transmit air raid warnings. This innovation is only a makeshift compared to what is being planned for you in the postwar period.

If these plans mature, your car will have a two-channel type radio with one channel for ordinary broadcasting and the other pretuned to what will be known as a standard national highway frequency. There will be two receivers, one for entertainment and the other for the radio traffic cop. At certain zones, the policeman on roadside duty will push a button and your music or news will automatically fade to a whisper. His voice will come booming out of the other receiver with such admonitions as:

"Slow down, dangerous curve 500 yards ahead—"

"Public school being dismissed in the town to the south . . . watch out for the children."

And you won't need to strain your eyes for road markers to identify state lines. Leaving

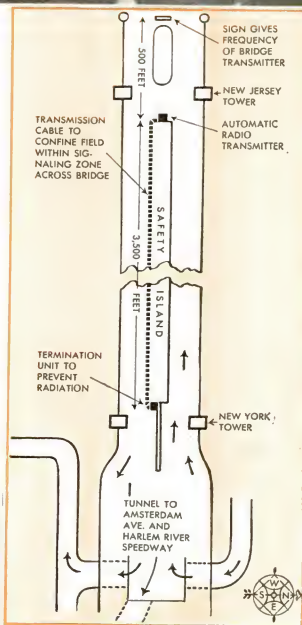


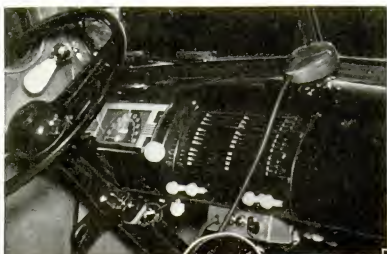
Diagram shows the radio traffic control installations used in a test on the George Washington Bridge in New York City. A sign on the bridge, left, tells motorist where to set his auto radio dial to receive the broadcast







Above, interior view of the "broadcasting station on wheels" (below) used by the Signal Corps. Trailer carries radio receiver, also motors to supply power for a transmitter in the tractor



The instrument panel on your postwar auto may look like the one above equipped with a Link short wave set. Note microphone, top

Reel on the back of peep holds cable to be laid along a road for transmission of secret orders by radio to passing troops



Pennsylvania, you may suddenly hear the strains of "Maryland, My Maryland—" and you will know where you are unless you are deaf. State songs would be followed with a friendly lecture on state highway safety regulations and speed limits.

Several methods of low-power, limited-area broadcasting might be used, but the most satisfactory one sends its frequency modulation waves from a cable stretched on the ground alongside the road. The unique feature of this system, perfected by a New York communications engineer, William S. Halstead, is that it can be confined to a band 150 feet on either side of the road and within the length of highway where the cable is installed.

It has already been tested by the Army Signal Corps at Fort Monmouth, N. J., and on George Washington Bridge and in the Queens-Midtown Tunnel in New York City and was found to give excellent results.

Halstead is the authority for startling predictions as to what the motorist may expect from the postwar radio.

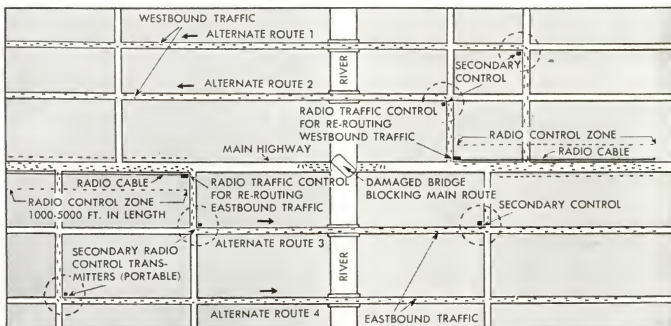
"Not only will dozens of refinements too radical to have been engineered into your prewar car make their appearance," he says, "but the competition from huge plane factories to sell you a sky car as cheap as an automobile will

change the emphasis on the automobile to the safety angle. There will be a cat and dog fight between the airplane and the automobile. The automobile manufacturers will naturally stress safety.

"State authorities have done a great deal to make roads safe. Auto makers have made the car safe. The postwar emphasis will be on making the driver safe. The most likely method to be used will be highway radio broadcasts which will feed caution and common sense into the ears of the driver and relieve his already strained eyes. The road marker of the future will be the radio."



Operating portable radio transmitter and receiver at the Signal Corps School, Fort Monmouth, N. J. Trunk at right holds set



It is only necessary to use devices already invented and to look ahead five or 10 years, he says, to see the time when a traveling salesman on a highway in Iowa can push a button on his auto radio, get a clear channel in the roadside two-way broadcasting system, ask the policeman for a telephone operator, reverse the charges and talk to his wife in Chicago. And at the same time they can both be tuned in to the same radio program, the family favorite, and discuss the music or laugh at the jokes.

By the time the war ends trans-continental trucking and bus companies will be able to keep in almost constant communication with their drivers, rerouting trucks and buses

If a bomb should fall on bridge, center of diagram, severing main highway, traffic could be rerouted by radio cables. Below, moving antenna to focus beams in the desired direction





Army's famed "walkie-talkie"—portable two-way radio set—weighs less than regular infantry pack

by frequency-modulation networks, Halstead says, just as airplanes today are held enmeshed in a network of radio beams.

One proposal by Engineer Halstead is so sensible and cheap as to cause one to wonder why it has not already been adopted for all flying fields around the globe. Ex-

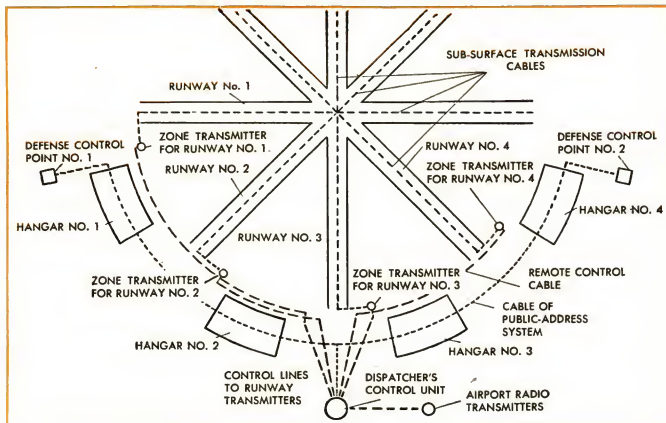
perience has shown that the first bombs which strike a raided airport quickly shatter microphone diaphragms, disrupt loud speaker systems and wreck telephone installations. The result is confusion at a critical moment.

Using the same cable-guided broadcast system already tested on roadways, stretching the cables alongside the runways or under them, would give a single control operator the convenience of talking to the pilot of any plane on any runway without their conversation being audible on the next runway—or to the enemy. By extending the network and overlapping the broadcasts, any part of the field could be reached even if bombs destroyed part of the cables, transmitters or receivers. Orders could be transmitted to officers equipped with "walkie-talkies" anywhere on the airport. Such portable radios are in widespread military use already.

More spectacular and alarming is a possible use of cable guided "FM" broadcasts for submarines, especially by Axis nations which tend to use the "wolf pack" method of operating subs.

It is only necessary to suspend a cable two or three hundred feet down into the water from a "mother ship" or a flagship submarine to create a limited broadcast area in which a squadron commander can

Airport with many radio zones could maintain communications if main control unit were struck by a bomb





talk freely but secretly to the officers in charge of the other subs during an engagement, directing each undersea vessel to an appointed station and even giving the order to fire torpedoes.

One of the peculiarities of such an "FM" setup is that not only will there be a minimum of interference from electrical devices, but the conversations cannot be picked up on the surface of the water, the beams spreading out horizontally like the waves set up by a pebble dropped into a lake. The depth of the broadcast field depends on the length of the cable and the width upon the power used in the transmitter.

Another obvious possibility is the direction of landing parties, such as Commando units, from destroyers and transports. Officers equipped with walkie-talkies would be in a position to get direction from superiors stationed on ships where they could get a sweeping view of offensive and defensive operations. They would be able to report details from beachheads to the ships standing by, spotting guns and strong points which might be blasted by naval guns.

Still another practical use which is no secret, since it has been publicly proposed, is low-power radio direction of parachute troops from planes carrying officers in charge. After hundreds of troops have been dropped, the officer in a circling plane could direct the landing parties, warn them of enemy movements and practically conduct a battle from the air.

It is feasible to install radio traffic cops in the air to control the movement of vehicles during an air raid and it probably has already been done in some parts of the world. A plane broadcasting at a limited range could circle above such a point as a bombed road junction, sending terse directions to men on foot with walkie-talkies, to radio equipped jeeps and armored cars, to trans-

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## Coating of Soot Over Rifle Sights Eliminates Annoying Glare



Holding rifle over oil flare aids Marine in firing practice

Before using his rifle in firing practice, Sergeant D. L. Ray, of the U. S. Marines at Quantico, deposits a sooty film on the sights. The dull surface thus formed eliminates glare and reflection, and enables him to draw a better bead on the target. Soot is obtained by holding the sights over an oil flare of the type used to mark highway obstructions.

## Tricycle Pushcart With Small Motor Is Steered by Bike Handlebars

Three wheels, a box, a one-cylinder engine from a washing machine and bicycle handlebars are the main parts of a pushcart built and ridden by Mark Mansell of Detroit, Mich. The gasoline-driven oddity gives its owner 50 miles on one gallon.

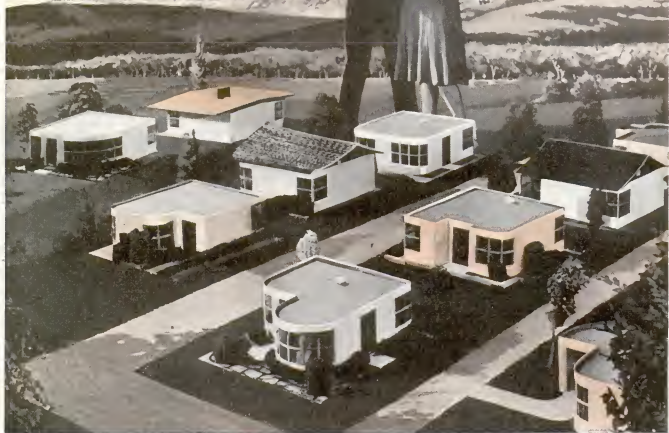


One-cylinder engine from a washing machine supplies the power

*W. J. Freeman, See Models & Co - 50  
Rockefeller Plaza, N. Y. C.*

# YOUR HOME of the FUTURE

*cont! Allen Warren  
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70 Park Ave, N.Y.C.*



Shopping for future homes will be easy with a group of models arranged in a village. Below, model shows how prefabricated house is packed in special "van"



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WAR makes incredible changes in our daily habits and modes of living, but history shows civilization always takes a step forward when peace comes because we profit by lessons learned the hard way.

For example, take your home of the future.

Some of the changes being planned for your postwar dwelling border on the fantastic. They might be waved away as visionary if they were the idle dreams of dreamers instead of the practical proposals of the world's leading designers and architects. And the research is being fostered by one of America's leading industrial concerns. Indeed, some of the theories are already being put into use for war purposes.

It is necessary only to look ahead five or 10 years to picture possibilities like these:

Some Sunday morning you decide you would like to live on a piece of land which has caught your fancy. It is a bare plot in a developed real estate area with sewage, water, electricity and gas connections.

The "invisible" kitchen will be a part of the dining or livingroom with all equipment artfully concealed when not in use

The family spends the remainder of the day on the livingroom floor crawling on hands and knees, perhaps, in a village of tiny model houses supplied by a mass-production corporation which turns dwellings out just as automobile companies rolled cars from the assembly lines before the war.

Lifting off the bright little roofs, you examine bedrooms, bathrooms and livingrooms until you find the layout that suits your family.

Having narrowed the selection down to a few models, just as you would pick among automobiles, you turn the models upside down and find prices and specifications printed on the bottoms. Sunday night you make a final decision.

Your decision, strange as it may seem, is not only upon a prefabricated exterior, but a prefabricated interior, selected room by room according to function.

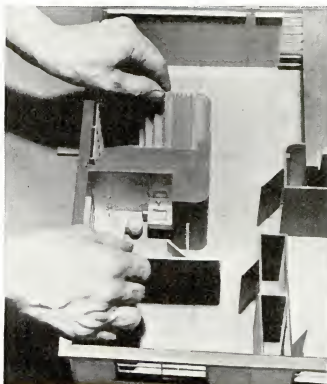
Monday morning you close the deal with the real estate company and turn over the small model of the home you have selected so that preconstructed foundation piers may be set into the bare plot and utility

pipes extended to the proper points. By Monday noon you have signed up for the house for Tuesday delivery.

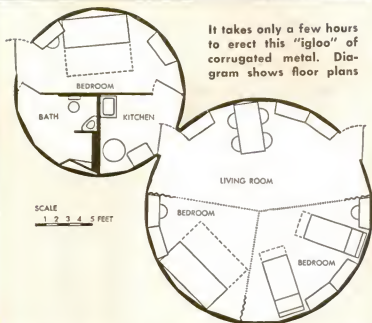
Tuesday morning a truck or two pulls up to the site with half a dozen men. While you are downtown selecting whatever new furniture you may need, for Wednesday



Lifting off the roof and tipping back the walls of the model at left shows a prefabricated bathroom unit. Right, examining a Norman Bel Geddes model home featuring a roof that comes complete in just six sections







Erecting the circular house starts with the roof, made of metal sheets and dome shaped, which is assembled on the ground (below). It is hoisted to position up a mast



afternoon delivery, the small construction crew is setting up your new home.

Wednesday, surely by noon, you can move in your old furniture before the truck comes with the new and if you have found time to shop for food, Wednesday's evening meal can be eaten in the new abode.

Fantastic? It sounds so, but wait—

A few months later a shift occurs in the family setup. A son or daughter leaves home to be married. And at the same time, a member of the family decides to take up photography. This leaves an extra bedroom which might be converted to a darkroom.

You advertise in a newspaper: "Wanted to exchange one bedroom, style X2-A, of the Jones Home Corporation line, for a darkroom."

Someone who has a darkroom but who would prefer a bedroom answers your ad. A deal is made. A truck brings the prefabricated darkroom interior, pulls out the prefabricated bedroom interior and the home has changed to fit the change in the family—unlike today when we accommodate the family to the dwelling.

Should you fail to find someone who wants to make the proper swap, it is only necessary to go back to the Jones Home Corporation and trade in your spare bedroom for a darkroom. Or a darkroom for a nursery. Or a nursery for a home workshop. Or a workshop for a billiard room. Or a billiard room for a laundry. Each comes in a number of standardized sizes with a variety of interior finishes.

Implausible? Yes, but see what else these leading designers have in mind for you:

After a couple of years, you look out the window some morning and find that another family has moved a new house on the plot next door. A week later when you come home from the office, the brown house up the street near the cor-

ner is gone and there is a white colonial cottage in its place. You begin to feel that the old house is getting a bit shabby—the state of mind you used to get when your neighbors bought new cars and outdated the bus back in your garage.

You are likely to call up the Jones Home Corporation and say: "I have been thinking about a new house—one of those super-duper white colonial cottages with the built-in flower boxes and the green shutters. Model Y6-B. I was wondering what I could get on a trade-in. The old shack is in pretty good shape—"

The next day, a truck pulls up. Your furniture is moved out on the lawn. The old house is taken apart. The new one is set up and you move in.

Even more startling, perhaps, is the trend already indicated by the fact that hundreds of thousands of Americans now live in trailers and move from one defense area to another, changing their locality with their job.

In the future, the typical American family may rent the ground, instead of the house—a custom for generations in certain cities, like Baltimore—and on moving day a truck picks up the home along with the furniture.

"Why have a house exactly like that of your neighbor?" says one of the world's leading architects, Cass Gilbert, of New York City. "Why be tied to one place when your job or jobs may take you to different parts of the country? Why own a lot and house you don't live in, and live in a house you don't own? Why not own a home you like that is different from your neighbor's, and rent the lot at the land rent only? In this way, you could buy the house on a credit-rent plan, rent the lot, own your home—and move it to your job. Questions like these have been running through the heads of thoughtful architects and engineers for doz-



"Sounds like a good buy," says the customer of the Walter Teague model in her hands. It would sell for \$2,000 or less and—unlike Rome—this prefabricated unit could be built in a day



The three houses on adjoining lots face different directions, lending variety and eliminating the drab, slum-like effect of small houses of similar design often erected in rows, all facing in the same direction on street



The charcoal grill and fireplace use one flue in this prefabricated "sportsback" for week ends designed by Donald Deskey

ens of years." Architect Gilbert is only one of a number of famous designers who have been retained by Revere Copper and Brass, Inc., one of the American industrial giants turning the wheels of our war effort, to look past the clouds of war into the calm days of peaceful progress.

"These architects and designers," says C. Donald Dallas, president of the corporation, "are planning homes for tomorrow that can bring, not housing, but living, within reach of the great majority."

Gilbert envisions millions of demountable American homes constructed by what is known as the plank panel method of long-lasting wood and fitted with copper and brass for piping, hot water tanks, sinks, fittings and valves. He describes the plank panel method as follows:

"Random-width planks of dry, suitable lumber two inches thick and eight, 10 or 12 feet long are run through machines that double tongue and groove the edges and rout out the ends.

"By modern methods of assembly with modern glues, these planks are made into strong, solid panels four feet wide and eight,

10 or 12 feet long. Each panel represents a four-foot width of wall or a four-foot width of floor. They are the 'building blocks' out of which the house is constructed.

"Provision is made within the body of each panel for internal metal rods to run horizontally through the wall at top and bottom, and also vertically at regular intervals. The rods pull all members together—roof, walls and floor—as tightly as bolts can hold wood. Self-contained window and door panels are manufactured in the same size, and are an equally strong part of the structure.

"This then becomes a wall two inches thick that has been solidly pulled together by steel rods to steel corner members. These panels are so weather-tight that five of them could be bolted together by the same method to form a water tank. For each plank is not only double tongued and grooved, but is glued tightly to its neighbor with modern waterproof glue."

Under this method of construction, he points out, you can add to your home by undoing a corner, adding extension rods and erecting an extra bedroom.

Paul Nelson, famed architect, sees the trend toward prefabricated interiors. He

Architect's conception of apartment building of the future





envisioned a prefabricated shell in which prefabricated interiors can be placed, or changed. He says:

"The interior would contain prefabricated unit rooms adapted to the needs of eating, cooking, sleeping, washing and leisure. There could be rooms for hobbies, such as a photographic dark-room, home laboratories and special acoustical rooms for radio and television concerts. The reason we could have such seeming luxuries is that mass production could provide them at a cost almost unbelievably low.

"The same evolution would surely occur with mass-produced rooms that occurred with the automobile. There would be the possibility of buying and selling second-hand rooms. This would bring these superior living units within the reach of even the lowest income groups.

"In the house-of-the-future, as I envision it, your unit rooms would arrive by truck, once the exterior of your house was finished by local workers. You would have selected your units at your dealer's, after poring over catalogues with your family, and arguing about interior arrangement, furnishings, decorations and color schemes.

"Similar rooms, called 'roomettes,' are now made for Pullman cars, so it is only a short step from this to the mass production of rooms for your own home. A truck would back up to your house and a complete sleeping room, bath room or eating room, for example, would be unloaded and set in place in your home. The process would be almost as simple as plugging in the connections of your refrigerator or washing machine."

In this house designed for mass production, wall panels come with windows in place



Another view of the circular metal house showing the roof being lifted on the steel mast and some of the wall sections bolted in position

Buckminster Fuller, architect and inventor, has already constructed "your home of the future," a house built around a mast. Says he:

"Suppose you have bought or rented a building lot and have ordered one of these homes. The next morning a truck arrives and workmen begin unloading a lot of strange looking metal sheets and parts. Many of them are shaped like giant flower petals. Others are large curved panels of corrugated metal. You notice flooring sections, bathroom and kitchen appliances, and a very small heating plant. And you see a structural steel contrivance that looks

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## Luminous "Mike" Lights Script When Studio Blacks Out



Luminous microphone and fluorescent script visible in blackout

No lights will be needed to continue broadcasting in a blackout if the radio studio coats a microphone with phosphorescent paint as General Electric engineers have done. In daylight, the paint stores up light energy, and continues to glow for some time after the room lights are extinguished, even supplying enough surplus light for the announcer to see his script. Script also can be made visible in the dark by printing in fluorescent ink which becomes luminous under invisible "black" or ultraviolet rays.

## Energy Wasted in Engine Tests Now Generates Electricity

After years of idle running on test stands for the breaking-in process, new airplane engines have been given useful work to do. Hooked up with an ordinary electric generator of the type normally driven by a Diesel engine, one engine can produce about 2,000 kilowatt-hours of electrical energy during its test run. Every newly

completed aircraft engine is given what engineers call a "green" run in a special test cell, then it goes back to the factory to be taken apart, inspected and reassembled for the final break-in run. Generators thus used in one factory produce more than 4,000,000 kilowatt-hours, worth about \$24,000, which is enough to drive the factory's lathes, drills, grinders, boring machines and other tools used in manufacturing the engines, as well as to light the factory. They also aid in the tests, since by measuring the electricity generated engineers can tell whether the engine is running properly.

## Soap Cup Fastens to Hose For Washing Automobile

Washing the family car is made easy with a soap-containing plastic cylinder that is screwed onto the garden hose. As the water rushes through the cylinder it mixes with the cartridge of cleaning substance to be sprayed on the car. This will remove any ordinary accumulation of dirt; to remove heavy dirt, the spray may be followed with a soft cloth or sponge. After the soap spray, the cartridge is removed and clear water used as a rinse.



Cartridge in plastic holder is removed to rinse car

## Gigantic Insects Reveal What Eye Cannot See



If a vote were taken to nominate the world's most unpopular insect, the fly, mosquito and flea might well vie for first place. Yet, despite frequent, albeit unwanted, contact with this trio of pests, few have ever beheld the remarkable combination of tiny parts, unseen by the unaided eye, which go to make up their bodies. That others might view the wonders revealed to them through microscopes, students of entomology have created models, magnified to 100 times the natural size. In all its intricacies, a common housefly becomes a "pincushion" of bristles and prickles, as shown at left. To produce this model required making 15,000 minute parts and fitting them in place

You may never have thought of the mosquito as covered with scales, but that's just what it is. The reproduction, right, called for 19 different shapes of scales, and there are about 35,000 of them covering all parts of the body. Six kinds of bristles, of which there are about 6,000, also had to be "planted." Fashioning of the mosquito's head alone (below) was an exacting task, because of the vast amount of delicate hand work required



Not quite so common, but more intimate in its conduct, is the human flea, a bigger-than-life-size model of which has also been completed (above). Its body is protected by a shell of overlapping plates, with bristles jutting from between them. A large variety of materials went into the construction of the models, including metal, wood and synthetic products, according to the need for each part. In some cases a plaster body was molded from the handmade pattern and the separate external parts fitted into it to complete the lifelike figure



## Wooden Operating Tables Built for War Hospitals

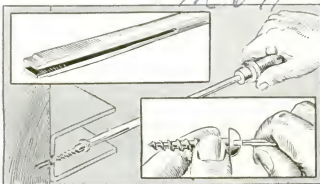


Balanced at the center, the table locks at any angle

Doctors in San Diego, Calif., are taking no chances with government priorities that might restrict the production of metal operating tables. They are having adjustable tables built of wood for their war emergency hospitals. Sturdy and inexpensive, the table is balanced at the center and locked at any desired angle with a thumb-nut working in a quarter-circle piece. A footboard and slots for straps help to hold the patient in position.

## Split Tip on End of Screwdriver Holds Screws for Starting

Screws are held firmly in place before they "take hold" with a screwdriver that has a special tip made of two steel leaves. The leaves are compressed to slip into the



Steel leaves on driver are pressed into screw slot

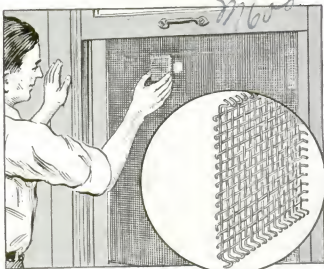
screw slot where they expand to hold it securely for starting. Screws of ordinary size may be driven in all the way with this tool, but changing screwdrivers is simply a matter of pulling the screwdriver off after the screw is well started.

## Steel Jaws Free Glass Stoppers "Frozen" in Bottle Tops

Glass stoppers that are stuck in bottle tops are removed without danger of breaking the glass with an extractor that has two pairs of adjustable steel jaws. One fits the head of the stopper and the other holds the extractor to the rim of the bottle neck. A top bar is turned to exert a steady pull on the stopper.



## Screen Patch Grips Old Wires With Many Tiny Hooks



Inset reveals hooks that anchor patch in screen wire

Made of bronze wire cloth, a neat screen patch, equipped with fine wire hooks at two sides, snaps firmly into the old screen when repairing a torn section. Wire-ends along the other two sides of the patch are shaped especially to nest into the screen so no rough edges protrude on either side. Patches are 1½ inch square, and they can be fitted without removing the screen.

Screen Patch Co. 1249  
COMMERCIAL TRAVEL  
Van Buren, Chicago Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.

## Automatic Viewer Feeds Slides for Projection



Rear view, left, shows viewing glass and the slide carrier. Right, projecting picture onto a screen

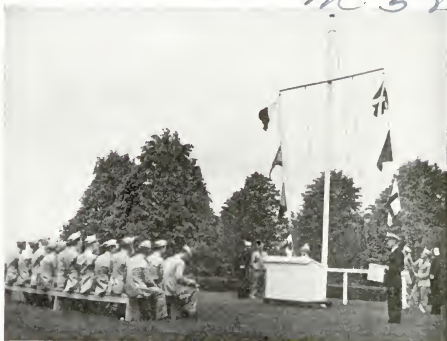
Continuous projection of black and white or color transparencies is provided by an automatic projector which doubles as a viewer, casting the picture on a seven-by-seven-inch built-in viewing glass. An automatic carrier shows 14 slides consecutively, at eight-second intervals, without attention of the operator. It is suitable equally for use in the home, in pictorial presentation of manufactured products, in

schools for educational subjects, and in window displays. A three-inch focus projection lens of f:2.9 aperture provides a large image at a short throw. Hand operation of the slide feed is possible in lecture work where it is desired to vary the duration of individual slides. The machine is complete with motor, cords, switches and a carrying case measuring 15 by 17½ by 11¾ inches.

## Ship's Mast Set Up on Land Teaches Language of the Sea

To help teach visual communications to cadets, a mast for hoisting signal flags has been erected on dry land at the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy at Great Neck, L. I. The seamen of the future, training to be officers in the merchant marine, use the "transplanted" mast to gain much-needed experience in sending and reading code messages.

Signals flags hoisted on dry-land mast give practical lessons to cadets learning code messages in language of the sea



# SMOKE GETS IN THEIR EYES



U. S. Army Signal Corps photo

Tin-hatted and masked soldiers of 13th Infantry charge through a heavy smoke screen generated by smoke pots

**F**AR in advance of friendly forces, a small reconnaissance unit was confronted suddenly by an armored column of immensely superior fire power. Withdrawal, at the same time delaying the enemy, was the only course open. But how could this be accomplished?

The answer lay in smoke—just common smoke—which American military and naval forces are finding extremely useful

both in offensive and defensive actions. Here is the way the reconnaissance unit used it to advantage:

Bridges on all side roads had been demolished, forcing the enemy column to stick to the main highway, where they encountered frequent road blocks. These were the points where smoke was called into play. A few smoke pots carried in each vehicle of the reconnaissance organization

provided the means of laying down smoke screens at the road blocks, forcing the enemy column to move very cautiously, then stop to remove the barriers. At the same time, the column was subject to machine gun fire from weapons planted on either side of the highway at the barriers, their locations concealed by the smoke. These delaying tactics were so successful that it took the armored column five hours to travel six miles, by which time the



Hard-working destroyers lay a smoke screen to protect the battle fleet or to shield a convoy

U. S. Navy photo

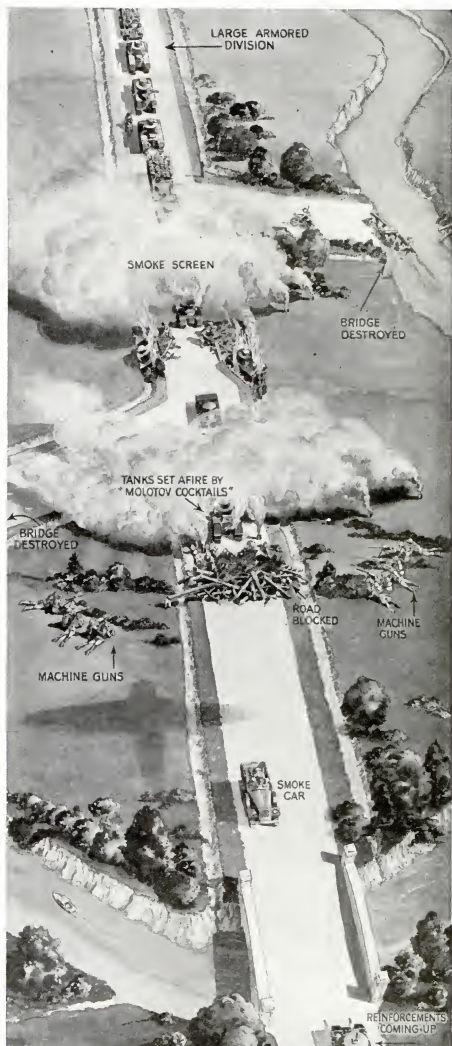


reconnaissance unit was able to call up heavy reinforcements which were concentrated on the main highway and which drove back the enemy with heavy losses.

All this actually happened, not in warfare, it is true, but in maneuvers of American forces. Under conditions of warfare, however, the enemy would move even slower, because the smoke might conceal a concentration of weapons capable of wiping out the column. In contrast, the units in maneuvers had only to fear a theoretical setback imposed by the umpires.

Another instance in which the usefulness of smoke was emphasized is reported by the Chemical Warfare Service, which directs the supply of gases, smoke mixtures and incendiaries to the United States Army and also the training of men to use these chemicals effectively. A smoke detail mounted in bantam automobiles hurriedly laid a thin smoke screen, about one-half mile long, at the edge of a town being approached by a tank column. This slowed the tanks so much that 37-mm. guns and 50-caliber machine guns could be moved to better defensive positions. Other smoke details at the same time placed a dense, wide screen 100 yards ahead of the position to which the guns were moved. Upon encountering the second screen, the tank commander halted, evidently

Here is the situation described in the article: smoke pots, road obstacles and bridge demolition delay an enemy armored division





Chemical warfare men spray a curtain to shield troops preparing an advance. They must be ready for a counterattack by gas-masked defenders



Here three Navy planes hurriedly lay down a screen to conceal location of two warships, one of them just visible in thin screen previously laid

Smoke pots cover men landing from assault boats to establish bridgehead



to gather force. While he waited, the first screen dispersed and all the tanks moved up for the attack. Having had little difficulty with the first, but much thinner smoke screen, the tanks approached the second at high speed, moving in close formation. But the second screen was dense and wide, so each driver evidently reacted differently to the effect on his vision. Some slowed to a snail's pace, others gunned their motors, a few lost their sense of direction, resulting in collisions with each other and with obstacles which they were unable to see. Many tanks were immobilized and the mass attack broke down completely. Only a fraction of the original force was able to come through the screen and then one tank at a time, widely separated and hence easy targets for anti-tank gunners who could see the emerging tanks before the tank crews could see the guns.

This, another incident in maneuvers, is regarded as good evidence that smoke is one means of combatting tanks effectively. The Chemical Warfare Service reports:

"Anti-tank units have been quick to adopt smoke as a means of slowing up, to cause loss of direction, to paralyze tank movement momentarily. Whenever desired, smoke can be lifted to provide a better target of approaching tanks, since they would be silhouetted against the smoke background."

It might, indeed, be feasible to arm foot troops

with smoke pots and "Molotov cocktails" to combat tanks, especially where the operations are among large trees or other natural obstacles. Men on foot can operate in the smoke and are able to hear and see tanks long before being observed. Too, in a dense screen, tank movement is so slow that the men may dodge them easily while advancing from one tree to another. In this manner, the men could approach near enough to hurl the "Molotov cocktails"—bottles filled with gasoline—against the tanks, setting them on fire and forcing the crews to abandon all except hand weapons.

Experience has proved that smoke very sharply reduces the effectiveness of aimed gunfire, to the greatest extent when the gunners actually are enveloped in smoke because then they lose to a large extent the ability to maintain direction, elevation and control while firing. The next best move is to place the smoke over or around the target. Tests have shown that only one-fourth as many hits are registered on a smoke-covered target as on a target fully visible.

Since reconnaissance cars constantly are in danger of running into hidden machine gun nests, it has been suggested that the cars be equipped to provide a cloud of smoke in which they may hide from enemy gunners. One device has been tested to accomplish this end. Using a

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Their view of the "enemy" batteries ahead obscured, two tanks grope slowly through a pall of smoke during tactical maneuvers of armored force



Gas masks are worn whether the smoke is a harmless screen or a poison gas, for the men must be accustomed to fighting and running with masks

Scouts hide behind fence posts as they prepare to advance behind screen





## 'Cold Chisel' Staple Driver Eliminates Flattening

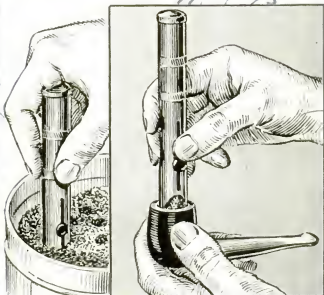


Grooved end prevents driver slipping from staple

If you are troubled in driving staples by having them flatten out, here is a handy driver made of solid metal like a cold chisel with a grooved, moon-shaped end that holds any staple. The groove prevents the tool from slipping from the staple, while the curved end eliminates the danger of flattening the staple.

## Metal Tube Measures Tobacco And Packs It in Pipe

Tobacco may be measured and loaded into a pipe with a metal cylinder that eliminates handling and spilling of tobacco. The tube is loaded by pressing with a re-



Pressing button down fills the pipe without spilling

volving motion into a tobacco container. A red button on the side moves up to indicate the amount in the loader. After the loaded cylinder is inserted in the pipe bowl, the button is pressed downward packing the tobacco into the pipe.

## Wardens Sniff War Gas Samples To Learn Their Odors

Wearing a gas mask, gloves and full protective clothing, Rev. Frederick C. Hickey, head of physical chemistry at Providence (R. I.) College, has prepared "sniff bottles" containing poison gas as an aid to student wardens learning to identify various war gases by their odors. Lewisite, one of the poisons, may smell like geraniums, but

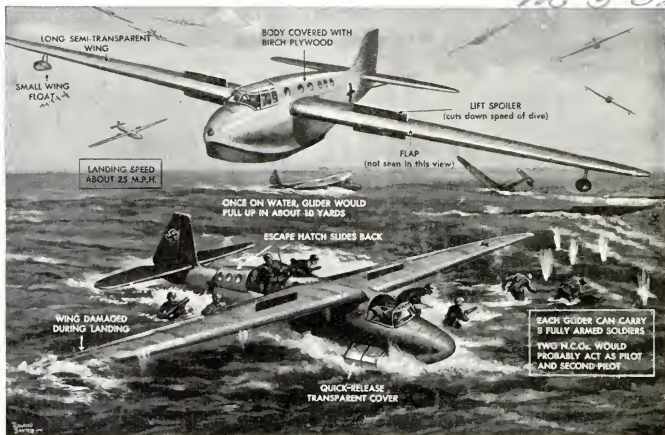


Making up "sniff bottle" under complete protection

contacting it with the skin or inhaling the vapor causes burning and irritation severe enough to require hospitalization. The same is true of mustard gas, which smells like a combination of garlic, horseradish and mustard. In putting up five different gases, Mr. Hickey used an eye-dropper when adding the pure chemical agent to a bottle containing activated charcoal which retains the gas. Students may sniff these samples without suffering harmful effects.

☐ To learn where to buy commercial products described in these pages, see the index.

## Glider Alights on Sea to Launch Beach Attack



Eight fully armed soldiers leap from the sea glider and wade ashore after silent approach to enemy coast

Sea gliders that carry eight fully armed soldiers are reported under construction in Germany. The troop-carrying gliders, designed for invasion purposes, can land silently within wading distance of shore. Escape hatches slide back for quick exit. The glider body is covered with birch plywood and the long wings are made of semi-

transparent material that makes it difficult for them to be spotted in the air. On either wing are "lift spoilers" which cut down the speed of a dive and help control the craft when coming in low to land at a speed of about 25 miles per hour. Several gliders would be towed by a plane and released at high altitudes miles from their objective.

## "Fall Guys" Smash Barbed Wire So Buddies May Cross

Performing what appears to be a tough assignment, trainees of the Australian military forces act as "fall guys" in flattening down barbed-wire barriers. Two leaders, throwing their full bodily weight against the wire, force it to the ground and thus create a gap in the entanglement through which the rest of the troops can jump without delay.

Two soldiers flinging themselves against barbed wire barricade to level it so others may rush through



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# PLAY IT SAFE



Man hours are "Victory hours" in the production race to defeat the enemy, and every industrial accident postpones ultimate victory. Safety schools, like those operated by the Bell Telephone Company, are being established in plants throughout the nation. Above is the safety demonstration board used to re-enact all manner of accidents that occur to telephone men. It includes telephone and power lines, ladders, cable car and figures of workmen built to scale. Some of the poles and men are wired so that when a workman touches a power wire there's a flash and he falls to the ground. Set was built by Al Bringer, cable-maintenance man, of Decatur, Ill.

"Toe-saver," above, teaches men how to handle cumbersome objects. If the board is dropped it is caught in slot

Shifting of the lead weight, simulating a person climbing a ladder, at right, reveals that if the base is placed more than one-third of the ladder's length from the wall it may slip; if placed less than one-quarter length from the wall the balance is changed so the ladder has a tendency to topple backward







Telephone company drivers encounter knotty traffic problems as part of their daily routine, and the class above is studying a complex problem at a busy intersection. They may even learn who has the right of way if a city fire engine, city police car and U. S. postal truck should meet at a corner during an emergency run



Above, jointed flexible model of the human spine shows why heavy load should be lifted with the legs and not the back, which is easily strained if legs are not properly used. The picture at left illustrates the wrong system with the model spine bending. When strain is taken with "legs" (right) the spine remains straight

Holding up his gloved hands, this workman reveals how he protects his wrists from hot metal with small patches of leather sewed on the long wristlets. A simple trick, yet it saves many burns that might occur while soldering or wiping a lead joint. In the safety schools the men also learn how to saw off limbs of trees with the use of a guide rope and how to make a splint for a broken arm with a kitchen broom and pieces of bandage



## Glass Blowing Art Enlisted For Radio Experiments



Experimental radio tube made by expert glass blower

Although machines have taken over the task of making standard glass bulbs for radio tubes, the ancient art of blowing glass by hand is finding a role vital in the war effort. At the Westinghouse laboratories, a veteran of 20 years' service with the company blows glass globes and tubes into weird shapes for experimental military radio apparatus.

## Pump Tanks for Bomb Defense Distributed in Danger Areas



Civilians within the target area of bombers based on enemy aircraft carriers and in certain strategic cities will be supplied with more than 2,000,000 fire extinguishers by the Office of Civilian Defense. The extinguishers are four-gallon pump tanks that carry their own

supply of water. Materials not on government priority lists, such as porcelain-coated steel, synthetic rubber, simple cast lead and plastics are being used in their construction. Four extinguishers will be distributed to each city block.

## Pinch of Starch in Aluminum Vat Speeds Recovery of Metal

Ordinary starch speeds the recovery of aluminum from its ores by hastening the settling of impurities and preventing premature flowing of the metal. Only  $\frac{1}{100}$  gram of starch is needed for each quart of caustic alkali used to dissolve the aluminum in bauxite ore. After the aluminum dissolves, the next step is to separate it from the insoluble particles in the ore.

## First-Aid Kit Worn Like Belt Leaves Both Hands Free

Made in belt form, a first-aid kit of waterproof canvas can be worn about the waist, freeing both hands to attend the injured. This handy kit may be slipped quickly over outer clothing and adjusted by an air-raid warden while running to the scene of disaster. Its pockets, under a snap-fastened flap, contain triangular and compress bandages, shell-wound dressing, ointment for burns, scissors, note pencil and pad, adhesive plaster and other essential materials.



Waterproof kit holds necessary first-aid materials

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# Gun Mount Pitches Like a Ship to Train Crew m 553



When the going is rough at sea it will be old stuff to these gunners trained on a "Leaping Lena" platform

Naval gunners are accustomed to the rolling and pitching of a ship at sea by practicing with guns mounted on moving platforms. The sailors adjust their sights

and blaze away with pompoms at targets towed by airplanes, just as they would go into action on the deck of a ship when enemy bombers attack.

## Switchboard Built on a Trailer Is Ready to Serve in Raid m 548

If enemy bombers or saboteurs should disrupt telephone service at a vital point, such as a war industry, the damage can be circumvented quickly with an emergency switchboard on wheels built by the Southern California Telephone Company. Trucks will speed the switchboard trailer to the scene of trouble, connect it to a main cable line and in a few minutes service will be resumed. The board can serve 400 phones.



If enemy bombs disrupt lines, this switchboard can serve 400 telephones

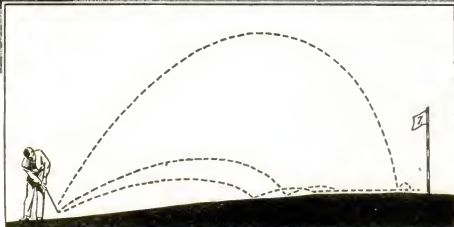
ⓁBicycle accidents cost the lives of 1,100 persons in 1941—an increase of 25 percent over 1940.



Ref: Austin Lee McRae, Director Professional, Griffith Park Municipal Golf Course, Los Angeles, Cal.



On short approaches (top) the ball is tossed in air as if by hand. Diagram shows three types of approach: slicing under ball for high trajectory and short roll (upper shot); normal approach (middle); holding club face almost vertical gives ball short flight, long roll (lower)



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**N**EXT time you have an hour for golf practice, spend it on the putting green instead of the driving range. Ability to hit long drives is satisfying, of course, but a good player reaches for his driver only 14 times during a game. He uses his putter possibly 30 times. And a little 6-inch putt counts as much as a 300-yard drive on the score card.

Experts figure that the drive is 20 percent of golf, that the long, medium, and short irons are 40 percent, and that putting

is also 40 percent of the game. Now you can see why good putting is important.

It breaks down something like this: par on the standard golf course is 72 strokes. The golf architect assumes that an ideal player will need one shot to get on the green of a par 3 hole, two shots to reach the green of a par 4 hole, and three shots to reach a par 5 green. Two putts are allowed for each green. The result is that this ideal player should make 14 drives, use his fairway woods four times, his long

irons three times, his medium irons five times, the short irons 10 times, and his putter 36 times.

Actually, many good players need an extra shot to reach some greens. They make up for this by sinking their first putt. Years ago Jerry Travers, one of the greatest putters in history, won several national championships without using a wood. He beat the long hitters at the putting green, rarely missing a 20-foot putt.

You don't need to be that good to play exceptional golf. But if you will think back over your last few games and count the number of times you three-putted a green, and the number of approach shots that you dubbed, you will realize the importance of the chip shots as well as the putts. The fact is that the average golfer plays worse as he gets close to the pin, though approach shots and putts are the easiest to improve by practice.

When you can consistently sink 5-foot putts you will be on your way to low scores. You will be able to hole out in one putt when your approach shot lands within a 5-foot radius of the pin. Sinking five-footers will almost automatically guarantee that you will never need more than



Most players roll ball toward one side, in path of straight tape, to overcome hump in green. Player instead should try to roll ball along curved path as indicated by curved tape. McRae is demonstrating



Tape lines above represent paths that should be taken by balls putted from different distances, curved line from player allowing for contour. Right, various styles of putters favored by different players





Measuring angle between blade and shaft of a putter

two putts per hole because you should roll the ball from any part of the green to within that distance of the hole.

Start practicing two feet away from the cup. When you never miss at that distance, putt from three feet away, then four feet, until you are ready to practice the long

Somewhat exaggerated curve indicates path the club head should make in putting; shaft is held near top



two practice cups that are used for putting on a rug

five-foot putts. A straight-line putt on a level green is the hardest to sink so do your practicing on a level green.

All you are trying to do is to roll the ball across the grass so that it drops into a  $4\frac{1}{2}$ -inch-wide cup. Pick the ball up with your hand and roll it in with a bowling motion. This gives you the feel of what you must attempt with the club.

Many players have their own styles of putting but you will notice that most of the best ones use a steady easy stroke that is essentially a swing. They never jab, just as a good bowler or billiard player never jabs. Swing the putter so that the clubhead describes a slight arc in front of you instead of a pendulum-like straight line. This is necessary because the sole of the club is not at a right angle with the shaft.

There is no particular way for you to stand. Just walk up to the ball, put the clubhead behind it, and stand comfortably with your weight evenly spread on your feet. Hold the putter near the upper end of the shaft. If you shorten your hold you are bound to lean over, then you are apt to jab at the ball instead of swinging at it. Hit the ball with the center of the blade. Hitting it with the toe may turn the blade and spoil the shot. Make sure that the clubhead and swing are lined up to roll the ball straight to the hole.

The more you practice, the more you will improve. Your living-room rug is a good substitute for a golf green and there are several gadgets on the market that will do for a practice cup. If you want to practice on your lawn, keep the grass cut short so that it has as much as possible the feel and "speed" of a good green.

Some greens are faster than others. If you roll the ball too hard on a fast green



it may hop right over the hole. The appearance of the grass and the way it feels under your feet will tell you a lot about its speed. A green that has dew or moisture on it is always slower than a dry green.

On a flat, level green you should try to stroke the ball so that it rolls in a straight line. But many greens are on a slant or have humps in them. Kneel down behind the ball and sight toward the cup so that you can study the contours. Visualize the curved path that the ball must take to reach the hole, always remembering that the ball will break downhill. Then try to roll the ball along that curve. Don't make the mistake of trying to compensate for a contour by aiming the ball a few inches to one side of the cup. You are apt to misjudge how hard the ball should be hit when you do that. Make up your mind that you are rolling the ball along the curve.

Easy as they are, fairly short approach shots to the green also are missed too often. A 7 iron is the best all-round club for getting up on the green and close to the pin from as far as 75 or 100 yards away. You should feel that you are trying to pick the ball up with the club to toss it on the green just as you would do if you were tossing it by hand. Such a straight-forward pitch shot as that will carry you over traps and obstacles and will drop on the green with enough roll to get up close to the pin.

There are a couple of variations of this pitch that might be called trick shots and that you can master with practice. One of these, the cut shot, consists of putting underspin on the ball so that it has a high flight and then stops dead a little way from where it lands on the green. This is an advantage when the green is small or where you will be in

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Upper right, how three balls at varying distance from cup are played to allow for slight rise at left. Lower right, a good grip near end of shaft. Hit ball with center of club face or slightly inside, as below. Hit with toe, it may roll to right



## Cellophane Hood for Light Hides It From Enemy



Lowering blue "dimout" shade in store on the coast

One Atlantic City merchant has complied with the "dimout" order for coastal areas by suspending a dark blue Cellophane shade above a light in his store. The shade is raised and lowered with cords and is always ready for quick adjustment.

## War Department Seeking Ideas From American Inventors

If you wish to apply your talents toward the development of a new invention that might help win the war, the United States War Department has outlined the fields in which new ideas are wanted. The list includes fifteen different subjects, as follows: hydrocarbon vapors as an explosive; rocket-propelled projectiles; air, centrifugal and electromagnetic guns; automatic mines for land and sea; searchlights, mobile landing-field floodlighting; special automotive equipment for simplifying the servicing of motor vehicles and aircraft, and

improved motorized repair-shop equipment; improved tank design; better aircraft brakes; light, protective armored clothing; improved automatic antiaircraft guns and small arms; aircraft catapults and retarding devices; ice-prevention devices; refueling equipment; remote-controlled aerial and marine torpedoes, land vehicles and ships, and remote control for other combat weapons; improved gunsights and bombsights, optical and otherwise. Important inventions that come within these fields should be submitted to the National Inventors Council, Department of Commerce, at Washington, D. C. During the past year the council has examined more than 35,000 inventions and suggestions, several of which, it is said, have proved of great value in the nation's war effort.

## Enlarging Viewer for Color Slides Also Shows Strip Film

Color slides and 35-millimeter strip film alike are magnified and given a lifelike appearance when seen through a simple viewer now on the market. Made of Tenite, it is designed to take slides of any thickness, whether mounted in paper, glass or metal. For convenience in placing strip film in the slot, the front section containing the diffusing window can be removed by pressure at the sides to release the catch.



Viewing film while drawing it slowly past eyepiece

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# The CRAFTSMAN

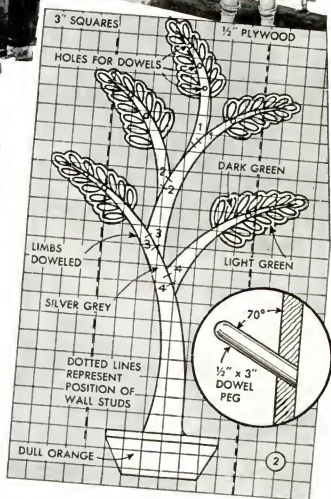


## Decorative WALL TREES

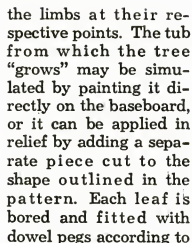
Revamped hall tree makes use of waste wall space. Five unusual designs to enliven a hall, playroom or bedroom

By Bess Livings

DESIGNED to supplement small-home wardrobes by providing extra facilities for guests, these novel versions of the outmoded hall tree require no space, as they are attached directly to the wall. Besides being useful, they provide an unusual touch of decoration to bare walls. The wall tree shown in Fig. 1 comes honestly by its name. For economy and to facilitate sawing, each limb is cut out separately from  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. plywood and glue-doweled together at the points indicated on the pattern given in Fig. 2. Marking and numbering each joint will aid in placing







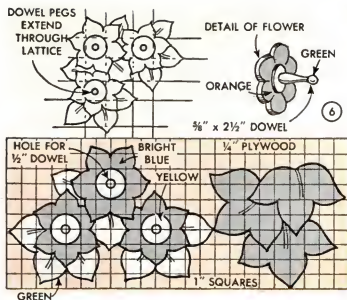
the circular detail and then painted, following the color scheme given. One or two screws through each leaf will do to fasten the tree securely to the wall studs, which can be located by tapping the wall lightly with a hammer.

Stimulating tidiness in the habits of youngsters, the Indian totem-pole wall tree shown in Fig. 3 will find appeal in a boy's room, or possibly in the basement recreation room. Instead of being carved from a single solid plank, each grotesque face and figure is sawed out separately from 1/2 and 1-in. pine, following the pattern given in Fig. 4, then shaped slightly as indicated and fastened to a 10-in. back board with screws and glue. The effect is practically the same as if carved. Besides the hangers incorporated in the design, such as the bird's beak and the grotesque nose, additional pegs are provided in the wings, and also midway up the pole within reach of youngsters. The separate wing piece is screwed to the back of the bird, after which a screw, placed in each end of the wing, is used to fasten the totem to the wall. It is attached to the baseboard at the bottom. Painting of the parts will be found easier if done before assembling. Where no color is indicated the wood is left natural and shellacked. The more weird and fantastic

the characters are the better. Limit the carving to a more-or-less hacking method, as the totem should be quite crude to look real.

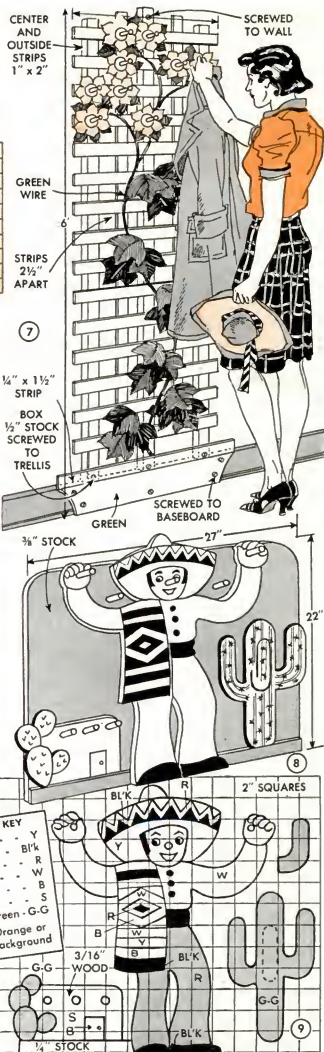
A trellis wall tree like the one shown in Fig. 7, on which "bloom" colorful wooden flowers, lends a





gay, informal touch to a bedroom or hallway. The center of each flower is provided with a shaped peg made from a dowel as in Fig. 6. Standard lattice stock is used in assembling the trellis, the cross strips being spaced apart about the distance shown for strength. A 1-by-2-in. piece is used at each side and at the center to bring the trellis about flush with the baseboard. A few screws driven through the center strip and into a wall stud will do to hold the trellis securely. The flowers, cut in groups of three, are arranged as shown, each flower straddling the center of a cross. Then the leaves are applied in an entwining pattern down to the baseboard. The flowers may be sawed out separately and glued in relief on top of the leaves, or they may be merely painted on. Green lamp cord is used for the stem and is held in place with staples. Finally, the flower box is attached to the baseboard at the bottom.

Unlike the others, the scroll-sawed bird and Mexican designs shown in Figs. 5, 8 and 9 are much easier to make. The bird overlay is glued and screwed to a background of identical size and fitted with dowel pegs. Suggested colors are: white birds, pale green or silver scrolls, yellow butterfly, orange flower and a deep green, blue or black background. The jolly Mexican holds clothes pegs in his hands and wears one for a nose, while the adobe shack provides three more. The figure, house, cactus and foreground are cut out separately and glued to a plywood background. Note that the width of the background is sufficient to overlap two wall studs for fastening with two screws.

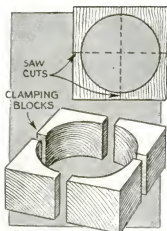


## Floating Motor Mount on a Lathe Keeps the Belt Tight



If you would like a floating drive for your woodturning lathe, here is one that attaches directly to the lathe bed. Materials needed for the drive are a sash lift, a board for the base and two short pieces of flat iron. One end of each iron is slotted as shown to slip over the sash lift, which is bolted to the side of the lathe. The other ends of the flat irons are fitted into the slots cut in the baseboard where they are held by long screws or nails driven into the edge of the base and through holes in the irons as shown in the detail. This drive can be removed from the lathe merely by tilting up the outer end and then lifting it off.—Robert Clark, Chicago.

## How to Make Clamping Blocks



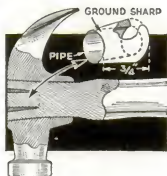
I have found the method shown a handy way of making clamping blocks for gluing up small radial cornered work such as chests, cabinets, etc. A block of the desired size is bored with an expansive bit set to cut a radius equal to that of the work. The block is then quartered by sawing. If the bit is tilted at the proper angle, angular faced

blocks will result for use on surfaces joined at angles other than 90 degrees.

—Wm. Larken, Shannock, R. I.

## Hammer Head Anchored Tightly With Ground-Pipe Wedge

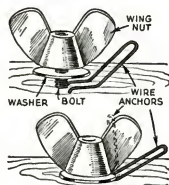
Anyone having trouble keeping hammer handles from working loose should try this wedge, which is nothing more than a  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. length of pipe with one end ground sharp as indicated.



When driven in place, the wedge spreads the handle end tightly against the sides of the head and the top and bottom of the opening.

—William J. Pauser, Park Falls, Wis.

## Wing Nut Locked by Wire Loop Anchored Under Washer



Wing nuts can be locked in place securely, where the bolts are through wood, by bending a short length of wire as shown and inserting it under the washer.

When the nut is tightened, the short wire ends are pressed into the wood and the loop may then be bent over one wing of the nut.

## Starting Nut in Difficult Place

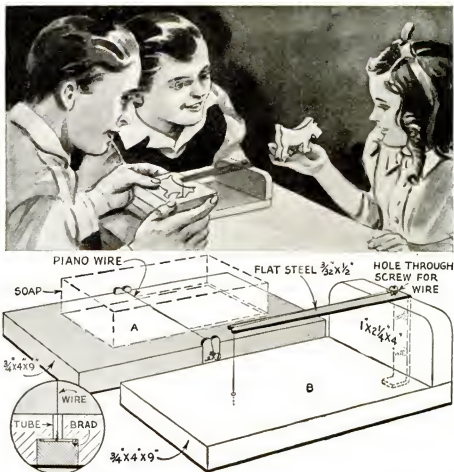
The next time you have a nut to start on a bolt that is in a hard-to-reach place, try this stunt. Wrap cloth around the nut so that it is a fairly tight fit in the wrench. In this way, you can hold the nut in the wrench and reach back to the bolt for starting it on the threads.





## Wire Knives Cut Out Soap Blocks for Carving

When carving soap novelties, much time can be saved by cutting the block forms from cakes of soap with these cutters. One of them, A, has a length of fine wire stretched horizontally across a wooden block to shave off the lettering from a bar of soap, while the other one, B, makes vertical cuts. Note how the wire of each cutter is kept taut by means of a screw that is drilled to take the end of the wire. Circular insert shows how wire is attached to base of cutter B. Talcum powder should be sprinkled on the base of each cutter, which permits the soap to slide easily.—Stephen Kramerich, Detroit, Mich.



## Storm Sash Fitted to Areaways of Basement Windows

Desiring storm sash for the areaways of basement windows of the type that are sunken below grade level, I made some to rest on top of the window wells as shown in the photo. The frames are made from 3/4-in. stock and the end pieces are cut diagonally with the narrow sides placed toward the fronts to admit as much light as possible. Before assembling the frames, the upper edges were rabbeted to take the

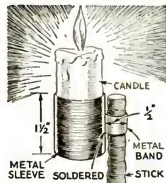
panes, which are wire glass. If desired, thick hair-felt weatherstripping can be put around the lower edges of the frames to provide a good air seal between them and the surfaces of the wells.

—Lowell S. Monroe, Shaker Heights, Ohio.

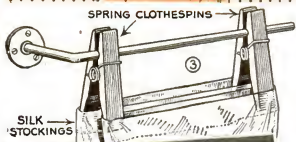
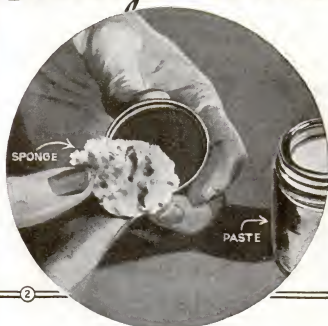


## Simple Holder for Camp Candle

The problem of supporting a candle in the camp is solved by this simple holder which can be made from a tin can if desired. Just cut out a piece of the can and form it into a sleeve about 1 1/2 in. long and of sufficient inside diameter to take a candle snugly. To this sleeve, solder a metal band to slip over the end of a stick. The stick should be pointed at one end so that it can be stuck into the ground at any desired position.



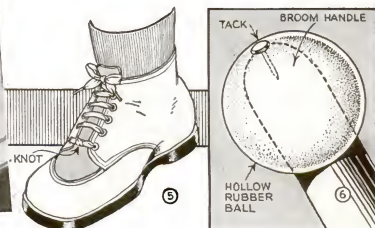
# Solving HOME



1. Sewed to the inside surface of your hat at the back, a small piece of hair comb will serve as an anchor to help keep it from blowing off your head in a wind. The comb is placed with the teeth downward so that it can be pushed into your hair. 2. A moist sponge placed inside the lid of a jar of paste will prevent the contents from drying out and hardening when the paste is not in use

3. To dry a pair of silk stockings indoors without creases or pin marks, clip a couple of clothespins over a towel rack and then slip the stocking tops over them, sliding the pins apart to stretch and spread them smoothly. 4. When washing delicate lace wrap it around a milk bottle, fasten the ends and dip the bottle up and down in soapy water. Rinse by dipping in clear water

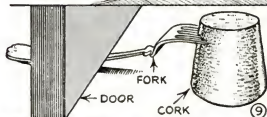
5. Small children can be prevented from removing the laces from their shoes and losing them if knots are tied in the centers of the laces between the two lower eyelets. 6. Slipped over the end of a mop or broom handle, a hollow rubber ball with a hole in one side to fit snugly over the handle makes a good tip to prevent marring walls or woodwork if leaned against them



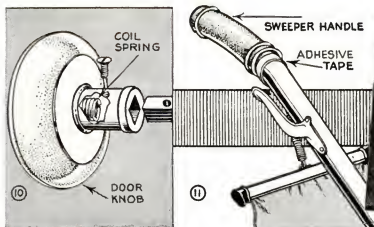
# PROBLEMS



7. Screen-door hooks tied to the ends of an indoor clothesline provide a quick method of putting up or taking down the line when screw eyes are driven into opposite walls or supports to engage the hooks. 8. The next time you have a small can of paint to mix, first stir it to loosen the pigment from the bottom of the can and then use an egg beater to mix the paint thoroughly



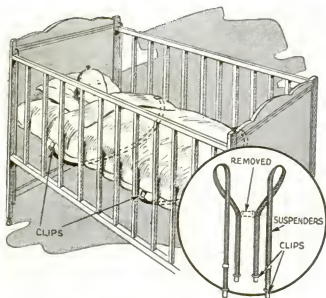
9. An emergency doorstop can be made in a jiffy by merely inserting the tines of a table fork into a large cork and then slipping the handle of the fork underneath the door. 10. A coil spring slipped inside the socket of a door knob will help keep the setscrew that holds the knob in place from loosening by holding it snugly against the screw



11. If the rubber grip on the handle of a vacuum cleaner loosens, it can be tightened by wrapping a band of adhesive tape around the handle to increase its diameter. A little glue applied to the tape will help also. 12. When crocheting a large piece, it can be kept clean by inserting it into a cloth bag, leaving the top of the work projecting so that you can get at it. Two or three safety pins hold the sack to the work



## Clothes on Baby's Bed Held Down By Pair of Suspenders



If you have trouble keeping the bed-clothes on a baby at night, and do not want to use pins for this purpose because of the possibility of tearing the clothes or smothering the child, try long pieces of elastic such as a pair of old suspenders. A pair of the type shown in the circular detail are highly suitable when the center crosspiece at the back is removed. In use, the straps are run underneath the springs and mattress and clipped to the edges of the clothing. The elastic allows the child to move about freely yet keeps the clothes in position.—Eric R. Planitzer, Fitchburg, Mass.

## Six-Prong Fork of Twisted Wire Roasts Wieners Uniformly

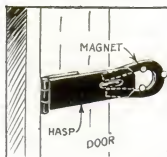
Roasting six wieners at a time is easy for one camper who uses a fork shaped like the spokes of a wheel. It is made by twisting six lengths of wire together, fit-



ting a wooden handle on one end and bending the opposite ends at right angles to the handle. By rotating the fork, all wieners are roasted uniformly as the escaping liquid flows down on the opposite ones and bastes them. It's a good idea to kink the prongs to prevent the wieners from slipping off into the fire.

## Magnet Keeps Door Hasp Open

Use a small magnet to keep a door hasp from swinging outward where it might injure someone or catch on clothing. Locate the magnet so that the end of the hasp will come in contact with it when the latter is swung around, and then mount it with three small nails as shown.



## Damp Grass in Bottom of Creel Helps Preserve Fresh Trout

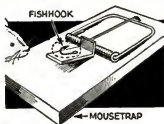


As the delicate flesh of trout spoils rapidly, it's a good idea to line the bottom of your creel with damp grass before placing any fish in it. The grass keeps them from lying on the bottom of

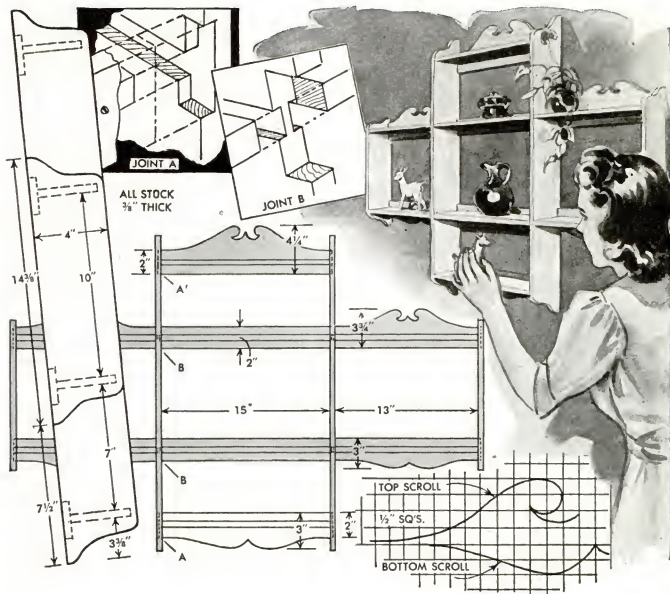
the creel where the slimy coating of the fish could become warm and start spoiling. In many cases, it is advisable to kill and clean a fish immediately, as failure to take this precaution often causes trout to fade, as well as give them an unsavory taste.

## Fishhook Holds Mousetrap Bait

When you have trouble keeping bait on a mousetrap, fasten a small fishhook to the bait pan of the trap, and hook the bait onto it. The hook also makes it possible to use bits of meat or other articles of food for bait, and attach it easily and firmly to the trap.



## Colonial Bric-a-brac Shelf Has Three Sections

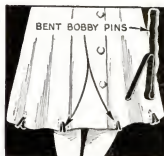


Differing from the usual type of whatnot shelf, this one has three sections, the center being about twice as high as the two side sections, and projecting both above and below the latter. In making this shelf, you can use  $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. wood throughout. All sections have duplicate top and bottom scrolls, the design being given in the cross-hatched drawing, which you can enlarge on a sheet of cardboard marked off in  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. squares. Cutting out the design provides a template from which the outlines can be traced on the work. The ends of the four uprights are cut off at top and bottom to the same curvature as shown in the left-hand detail. Rigidity of the shelf, which does not have a solid back, is obtained by the horizontal crosspieces to which the shelves are screwed. Notice the details of the joints A and B, which interlock the shelves, uprights and backing pieces. When assembling the parts after

cutting and fitting, the surfaces are thoroughly sanded and then stained, after which glue is used at the joints. Finish can be obtained by merely waxing, by shel-lacking and varnishing, or by painting.

—George Martin, Downers Grove, Ill.

## Bobby Pins Hold Hem of Skirt While Checking for Length



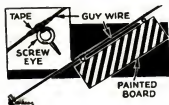
To eliminate any possibility of injury from common pins when using them while turning and fastening the hem of a skirt to adjust the length for sewing, use a number of bobby pins bent to the shape shown. These clips will hold the cloth securely.

## Holes Are Bored in Glass Quickly With Dental Drill



The next time you have some holes to make in a piece of glass, try using a dental drill for the purpose. In most cases, your local dentist will probably let you have some discarded ones for the asking. These can be chucked into a hand drill and will make holes in glass quite rapidly. While drilling, lubricate the glass with a solution of lard, 1 part, and kerosene, 2 parts.

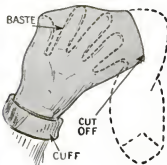
## Warning Board on Guy Wire Helps to Prevent Accidents



If you have any guy wires in locations where someone might accidentally run into them, boards painted with black and white stripes and hung on the wires will help to make them noticeable. Screw eyes driven into the edges of the boards will permit them to be hung on the wires, using tape or short pieces of small wire.

## Gloves Made of Woolen Socks

A pair of gloves can be made from old discarded woolen socks. To do this, turn the sock wrong side out and stretch it on the left hand as shown, allowing

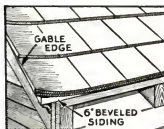


about  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. for the cuff. Baste between the fingers, remove the sock, and stitch closely. Then cut away the excess material and remove the basting thread, after which the glove is turned right side out. The same method is used for making both gloves as they can be worn on either hand.

—Frank Shore, New York, N. Y.

## How to Avoid Water Dripping From Gable Ends of Building

To prevent water from dripping off a roof edge at the gable and causing the cornice to rot, raise the roof edge slightly as shown.



Just slip a length of beveled siding under the shingles or other roof covering and nail it in place. This produces a slant so drainage will be away from the gable edge.

## Sorting Tray for Small Parts

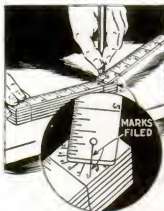


This tray is just the thing for sorting screws, nails and other small parts because it has a spout on one side for pouring them into a container. The tray is simply a pan of

the desired size having a spout formed from sheet metal and soldered over a notch cut in the side of the pan.

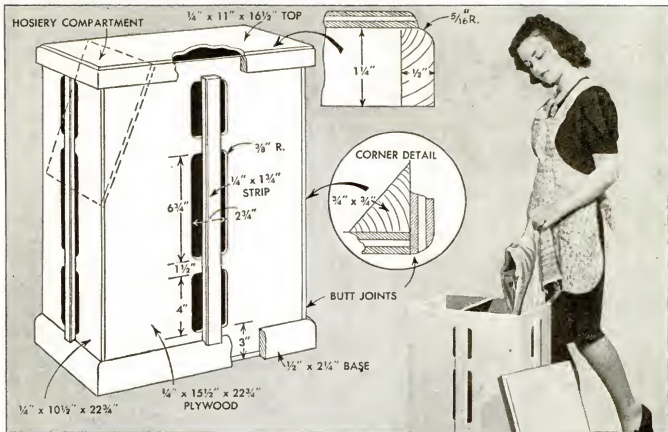
## Jointed Ruler Used as Protractor

In an emergency, you can use a folding ruler as a substitute for a protractor where the angles are not too critical. Just scribe lines on the metal hinge as indicated so that the end of the ruler points at a given angle when a line at the hinged end coincides with the corresponding angle line scribed on the hinge.





# Distinctive Clothes Hamper in Modern Design



Assembled with glue and brads, this modernistic clothes hamper can be built entirely with hand tools and finished to match bathroom accessories. An inclined partition at one end provides a separate compartment for hosiery, while vents in both sides and ends permit plenty of ventilation.

## Gauge on Carpenter's Level Helps Determine Roof Pitch

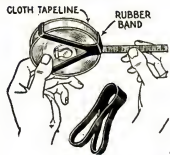
To determine the roof pitch of buildings while standing on the ground, one carpenter fitted his level with a simple, self-

adjusting gauge. This consists of a length of wire inserted into a hole drilled through the level at the point shown, after which the ends are bent down to hold it in place, but loose enough to swing easily. The side of the level is calibrated to indicate the various pitches. In use, the level is held to line up with the pitch of the roof as you sight across the top edge.



## Rubber Band Holds Tape Line At Any Length Desired

To avoid having his tape line pulled out farther than desired on certain jobs, a workman used a split rubber band as shown. This is slipped over the line reel so that it may be pulled over the opening to grip the tape at any point.





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**I**F YOU need an extra room or two in your home, the unused attic space often may be utilized. When designed properly, attic rooms can be made as livable and attractive as those on the first floor. Figs. 1, 3 and 4 show good examples. Every house presents special problems, of course, because of the type of roof, location or absence of windows, stairway, etc., but generally a solution can be worked out and comfortable rooms provided.

**Is the space usable?** The first step is to determine whether or not the attic space in your home is usable. Roofs are usually  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{3}{4}$  pitch, which is found by measuring the rise and span as shown in Fig. 2. Unless the rise is at least 8 ft. there will be insufficient headroom to make the use of the space practical. Roofs of  $\frac{1}{4}$  pitch usually are too low unless the house is exceptionally wide. From the table, Fig. 5, you can determine the usable space avail-

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able for various widths of houses. Generally, attics are not floored unless the joists are of sufficient size to carry a normal load without undue springing, which might crack the plaster below. Laying an attic floor, if none has been provided, over an old plaster ceiling is impractical.

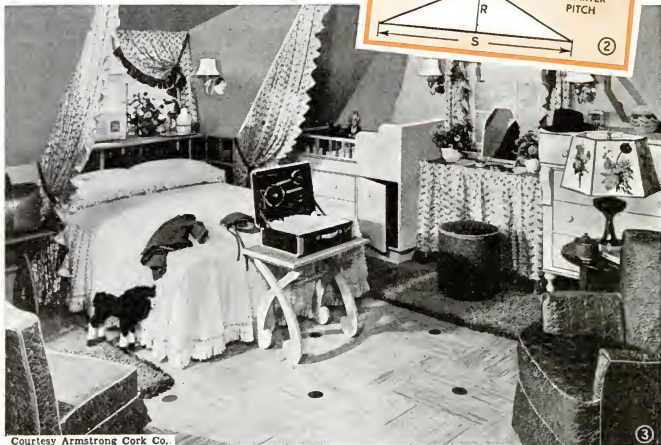
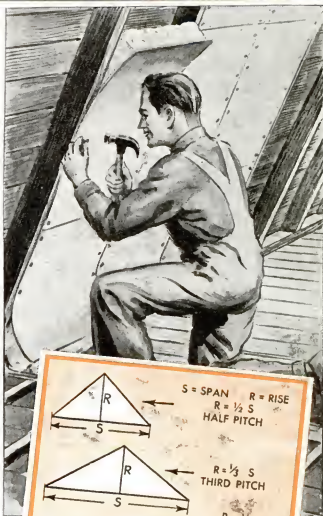
**Room planning:** The arrangement of rooms depends somewhat on the type of house and the location of the stairway and chimney. For a bungalow, a floor plan similar to that shown in Fig. 4 is suggested for the maximum of usable space. If your house has a hip roof, the available space is reduced somewhat at the sides of the dormers, but the same plan may be used. The attics of Cape Cod and other cottage-type houses in which the stairway generally is at one end, are best arranged as shown in Fig. 7. If the house is sufficiently wide, a hallway may run from the top of the stairs to connect with a second bed-

# SPARE ROOMS *in the attic*

room, and a bath can be added opposite the closet. Other types of houses may require special planning.

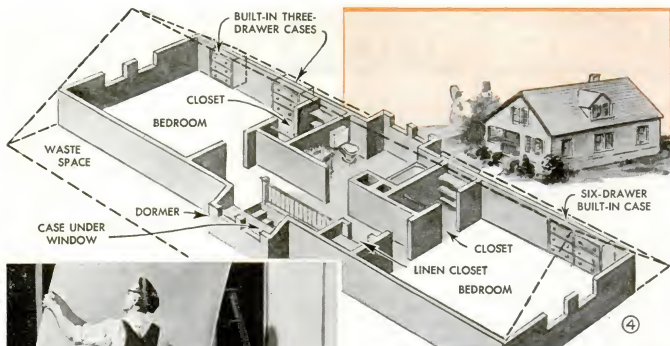
A bathroom is very desirable, especially if two or more rooms are to be provided. Many houses have the plumbing roughed in for an upstairs bathroom when the house is built. If not, your plumber can suggest a method for bringing up the pipes. If sufficient plumbing fixtures cannot be obtained when making the rooms, provision can be made for installing them later. It is best to have the second-floor bath directly above the one on the main floor.

**Partition framing:** After determining the size to make your rooms, the sidewall and ceiling heights should be laid out on the floor with a chalk line exactly at right angles or parallel with the plate. Fig. 22 shows one end of an attic with wall studs and plate installed. To avoid undue vibration and possible damage to plaster, it is advisable to secure the plates to the joist with lag screws spaced at 32-in. intervals. Note the blocking between the original studs in the gable end, also the strips on which to nail the baseboard. Fig. 16 shows

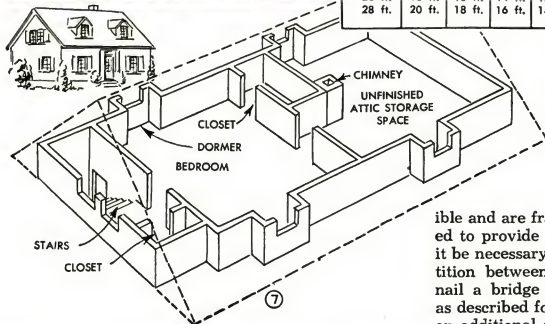


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⑤ USABLE ATTIC SPACE									
One-Third Pitch Roof									
Width of attic in feet	Usable floor space when vertical side wall is:				Horizontal ceiling when ceiling height is:				
	4 ft.	5 ft.	6 ft.		7 ft.	8 ft.	9 ft.		
24 ft.	12 ft.	9 ft.	0 ft.		3 ft.	0 ft.	0 ft.		
26 ft.	14 ft.	11 ft.	8 ft.		5 ft.	2 ft.	0 ft.		
28 ft.	16 ft.	13 ft.	10 ft.		7 ft.	4 ft.	1 ft.		
30 ft.	18 ft.	15 ft.	12 ft.		9 ft.	6 ft.	3 ft.		
One-Half Pitch Roof									
20 ft.	12 ft.	10 ft.	8 ft.		6 ft.	4 ft.	2 ft.		
22 ft.	14 ft.	12 ft.	10 ft.		8 ft.	6 ft.	4 ft.		
24 ft.	16 ft.	14 ft.	12 ft.		10 ft.	8 ft.	6 ft.		
26 ft.	18 ft.	16 ft.	14 ft.		12 ft.	10 ft.	8 ft.		
28 ft.	20 ft.	18 ft.	16 ft.		14 ft.	12 ft.	10 ft.		

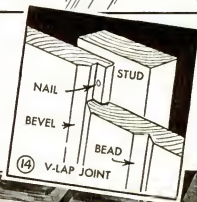
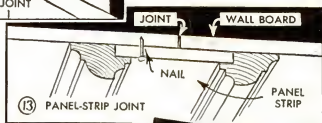
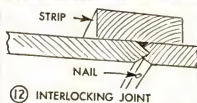
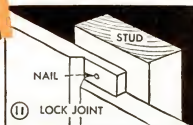
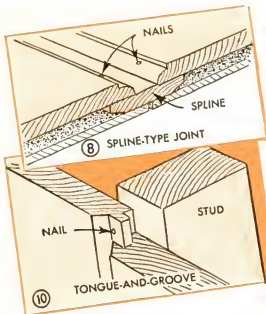


The table above will enable you to determine usable space in your attic, while the drawing at left shows neat arrangement for two rooms

the most practical way to frame up walls around a dormer. The studs usually can be placed so that they line up with the rafters, but if intermediate studs are required, a bridge may be used as shown in Fig. 15. The method for framing cross partitions, doorways and corners is given in Figs. 19, 20 and 21. Partitions should be located under a ceiling joist where fea-

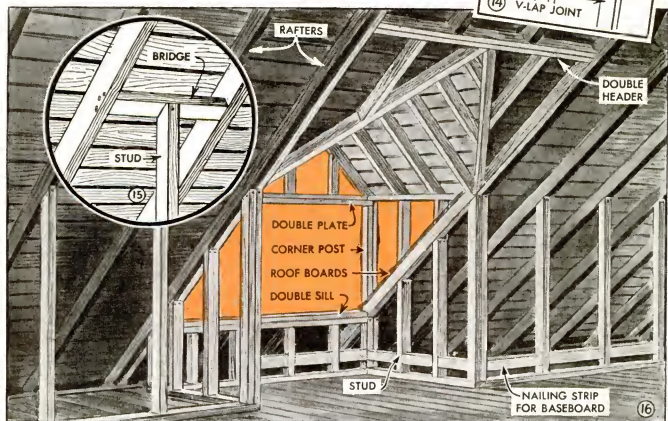
the partition.

**Electric wiring:** The installation of the wiring for lights, switches and receptacles should be done while the framing is open. As wiring codes vary in different localities it would be well to determine just what the local requirements are if you do the work yourself. Conduit and armored cable are acceptable in most codes. Wiring must



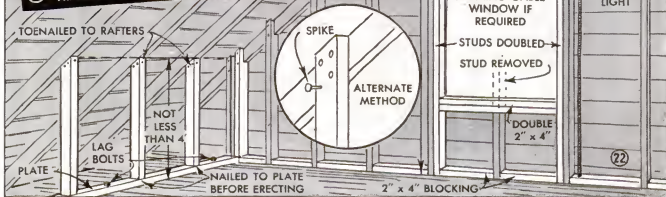
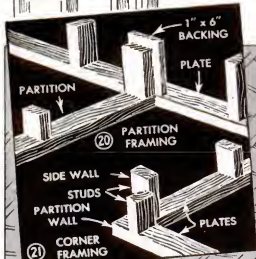
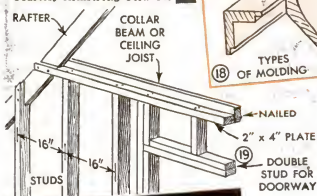
be done carefully, and all connections must be mechanically and electrically sound. This is accomplished by scraping the ends of the wires, twisting them tightly together and soldering the joint, preferably in a soldering cup. A  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. pipe cap with a twisted wire handle provides a good cup for melting the solder and dipping the joint. Soldering paste should be used as a flux, and the connections taped.

Armored cable should never be spliced because of the danger of a short circuit if the sharp metal covering happens to work through the insulation on the wires. A metal box should always be used with suitable bushing so that the insulation is protected and the joint is enclosed. In most modern electrical installations white and black covered





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wires are used in the circuits to designate the "live" and grounded or "dead" sides of the circuit. The white is the "dead" side and the black the "live." Switches are connected to the live side while fixtures are on the dead. Thus when the switch is off the fixture circuit is dead. Most receptacles, fixtures, etc., have brass and tin plated screws for connecting the wires properly. The tinned screw is connected to the dead side of the line. Bathroom lights should always be provided with wall switches because of the extra hazard presented by the well-grounded plumbing fixtures.

To provide a source of current for the attic rooms, locate a box containing a line (not controlled by a switch) in the attic, or if necessary, run a line up from the basement. Generally there is some wall or partition where this can be accomplished easily. If there is more than one circuit that can be tapped conveniently, choose the one that carries the lightest load. This can be determined by removing all but one set of fuses in the basement fuse box, and turning on lights to determine how many outlets are on that cir-

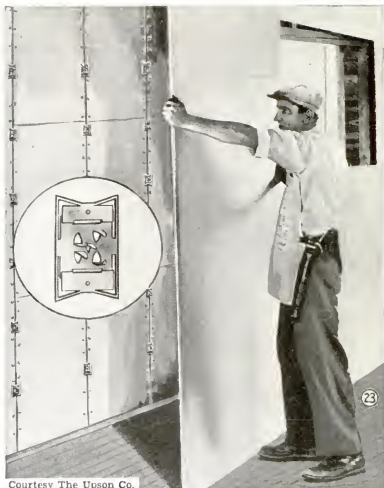


cuit. Repeat this process with other circuits. Install all boxes for switches, receptacles and fixtures before starting the wiring so that you can plan the shortest runs to cut in all of the boxes. Put in plenty of baseboard receptacles to fill future needs as the cost is smaller while the walls are still open.

**Wall treatments:** The walls may be finished with sheets of wall-board tacked over the studs, as shown in Fig. 23. Metal fasteners, like the one shown or similar, are available and are used for the intermediate fastening of panels so that nailing need only be done at the edges. When using materials  $\frac{1}{4}$  or  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. thick it is customary to toenail nailing strips between the studs at breaks in the wall and under the baseboard. This makes a level joint and prevents warping at the edges.

Soft-pressed boards also are excellent material for finishing walls and provide considerable insulation value. The boards are available in wide sheets, random-width planks, tiles, etc., so that many beautiful effects are possible. Tile and random-width planks usually are nailed on 1 x 2-in. furring strips which, in turn, are nailed to studs or joists. The spacing of the furring will depend on the size of the boards or tiles. Fig. 9 shows how the tiles are applied to a ceiling, using metal clips to lock each one in place.

Plaster board makes an excellent wall for either a painted or papered room, Fig. 6. The manufacturers of this material have a good method for making a smooth joint between the boards. Several types of joints for wallboards are shown in Figs. 8, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14. Plaster and lath ap-

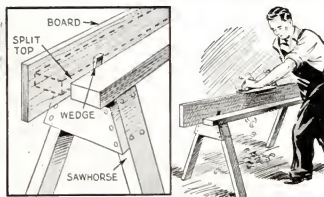


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plied in the usual way also are to be considered. Bathroom walls should be covered with some prefinished and moisture-resistant material. One of the most satisfactory and economical types is shown in Fig. 17. It is made of either hard board or asbestos fiber board and usually is squared off in a tile effect and enameled at the factory. Batten strips for nailing over joints in wall coverings have given place to a variety of attractive moldings in wood, metal and hard and soft board materials. Beautiful panel and molding effects such as shown in some of the photos can be worked out. Fig. 18 shows a few of the designs available.

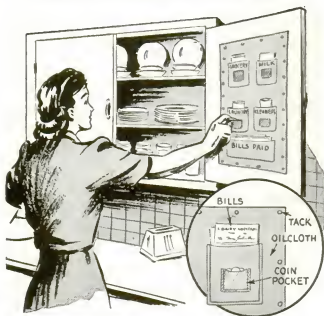
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## Two-Piece Top of Sawhorse Holds Boards Upright for Edge Planing



Next time you make a pair of sawhorses, why not use a two-piece top on one of them as shown to provide a groove in which to set boards for edge planing? This does not interfere with using the sawhorse in the regular way and may save considerable time when working on jobs where a bench and vise are not available. Thin boards can be held securely by driving a couple of wooden wedges alongside them.

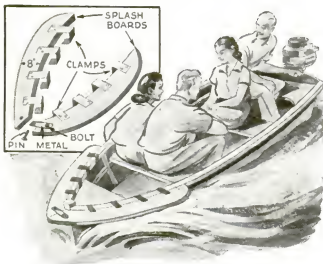
## Exact Change to Pay Tradesmen Kept in Pockets With Bills



Placed inside a cupboard door, several oilcloth pockets are convenient for holding bills and the correct change to pay them with when various tradesmen call to collect. This avoids the confusion of trying to make correct change or of hunting around over the house when a collector arrives. The pockets are made by sewing pieces of oilcloth to a larger piece of oilcloth or other suitable material, the entire assembly being tacked to the inside surface of a cupboard door.

## Splash Boards Protect Occupants Of Small Motorboat

When the water is choppy, I have found that passengers in my small motorboat invariably get soaked by water splashing over the bow. To remedy this, I made removable splash boards that can be slipped and locked in place whenever necessary.

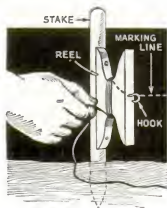


These are cut from softwood to the contour of the boat after which they are fitted with flat-iron clamps that fit over the gunwales. The boards are locked together with a pin, and painted the same color as the planking.

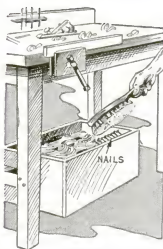
—Grant W. Howell, Hamilton, Ont., Can.

## Reel and Hook on Garden Stake To Adjust Marking Line

You can adjust the length of a garden-row marking line quickly and hold the adjustment if one of the stakes is fitted with a reel of the type shown. A screw hook at the outer edge of the reel prevents the line from unwinding once it has been adjusted to the desired length.



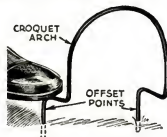
## 'Comb' on Edge of the Trash Box Removes Shavings From Brush



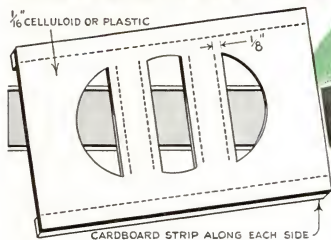
To remove steel or wood shavings and other small particles from the brush with which you clean your bench, drive a few short nails in the edge of your trash box. The nails will remove foreign particles when the brush is pulled across them.

## Legs of Croquet Wickets Offset For Easy Pushing Into Ground

The difficulty of forcing the ends of croquet wickets into hard ground can be overcome by bending them so they can be forced in with the foot. When the offsets of the wicket are pressed down flush with the ground surface, they do not interfere when shooting a ball through the wicket.



# MONOGRAM GUIDE



WITH this celluloid guide, it is an easy matter to monogram note paper, photographs, etc. To make a guide, scribe a circle of the desired diameter on a sheet of transparent celluloid and divide it into three equal parts. By bending the celluloid sharply at the scribed lines the waste will break off, leaving openings with smooth edges. Then about  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. from each straight cut, draw parallel lines with waterproof ink to serve as guides in spacing the initials. Narrow pieces of thick cardboard cemented to the top and bottom edges of the guide will raise it from the surfaces to be monogrammed to prevent smearing of ink. The alphabet reproduced here shows how easy it is to monogram any set of initials. Use a ruler as a straight-edge, sliding the guide along it as you draw each initial. If you wish the monogram to be raised or embossed, make the letters with job-printing ink thinned with oil of wintergreen, or use slow drying ink. As soon as the monogram has been drawn, dust the initials with powdered sealing wax of the color desired, blow off the surplus and warm the surface until the wax melts and becomes glossy.





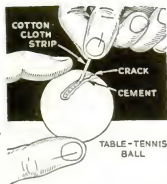
## Paint Spots Removed From Brick With Caustic Soda Solution



If you accidentally get paint on a brick surface when painting wood, here's an easy way to remove the paint. Mix a solution consisting of caustic soda,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. and hot water, 1 gal. Apply this solution to the paint to be removed and then wash it off with clear water, repeating the operation until the paint disappears. In handling this solution, be careful that none of it gets on your skin as it causes severe burns. Also, it is a good idea to use an old brush as the solution is very hard on the bristles.

## Repair for Table-Tennis Ball That Has Been Cracked

A cracked table-tennis ball can be repaired and used again. First clean the ball around the crack with a pencil eraser. Then cut a strip of thin cotton cloth, preferably across the weave, about  $\frac{3}{32}$  in. wide and long enough to allow about  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. overlap at each end of the break. Next apply a coat of cellulose cement and press the cloth

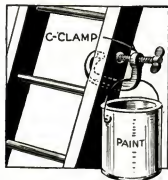


into place, smoothing out any wrinkles carefully. After the cement has dried for a few hours, apply a second coat of cement, working it gently into the weave of the

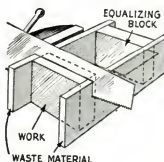
cloth. When this coat has dried, sand the patch lightly to remove the excess cement, but not enough to cut into the cloth.

## C-Clamp Serves as Handy Hook For a Paint Pail

Instead of using an ordinary wire hook to hold your paint pail while working from a ladder or other elevated surface, just slip a small C-clamp on the bail. This can be used in the same way as a wire hook besides having the added advantage of being easy to clamp onto shelves, the side of a ladder and other edges where a hook might slide off.



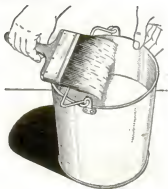
## Short Work Held in Bench Vise While Ripping It



The next time you have a short piece of work to saw lengthwise, try this method of holding it. Place two pieces of scrap wood in your vise so that they extend beyond it at one end. Then put the work between them, at the projecting ends, placing a block of equal length between the scrap pieces at the other end. Now, by sawing through both the work and the scrap pieces, the job is done easily.

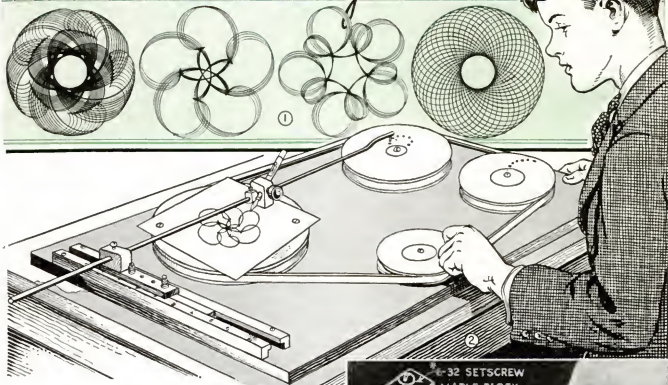
## Whitewash Brush Held on Bucket By Bending Bail

One workman keeps his whitewash brush conveniently at hand on the bucket by bending the wire bail so it will rest on top of the bucket rim. When not in use, the brush is laid across the edge of the bucket and the bail.



# MECHANICAL ARTIST

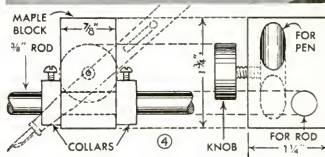
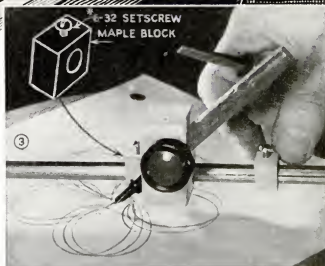
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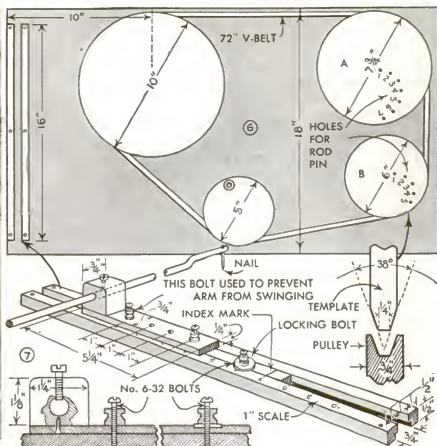
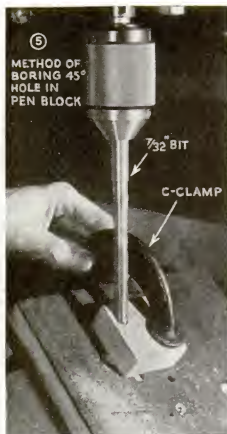
By Walter E. Burton

BY MAKING simple adjustments on the position of the writing arm of this drawing device, you can produce circular designs without limit, some examples of which are shown in Fig. 1. The parts you need to build this gadget, and their arrangement, are shown in Figs. 2 and 6. Four wooden pulleys are mounted on a large baseboard, which may be a drawing board or a piece of plywood. These should be grooved to take a V-belt, leather belting or any kind of homemade belt about 72 in. long. The largest pulley, which is 10 in. in diameter, provides the writing surface, paper being fastened to it with thumbtacks. The smallest pulley, 5 in. in diameter, is provided with a crank. The other two pulleys, A and B, Fig. 6, are used to guide the writing arm and for this purpose a number of holes are drilled in one side of each as indicated, to take a small pin on the end of the writing arm.

Although the drawings indicate a length of  $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. steel rod for use as a writing arm, you can substitute a piece of maple dowel of larger diameter, which will be fully as serviceable and just as rigid. One end has a pin, as already mentioned, to engage



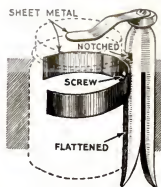
guide wheels A and B, and the other end is fitted to a pivot block which is carried on a rocker arm mounted on a strip of wood that slides back and forth between two guides, and can be locked in any position. A fountain-pen holder, detailed in Figs. 3 and 4, is mounted on the arm and is held in place, after being adjusted to position, by means of two collars of maple. Drilling a hole to take the fountain pen



design drawn. The rocker arm is attached to a guide that moves between two strips to which it can be clamped by means of a locking screw. There is practically no limit to the number of adjustments that can be made at this end of the writing arm, which in conjunction with the holes in the guide wheels, provide still further possibilities.

## Holder for Jar of Salmon Eggs Slips Over Trouser Belt

The problem of carrying a jar of salmon egg fish bait so that it is easy to get at is solved with this simple holder, which slips over your trouser belt. Take an ordinary clothespin and



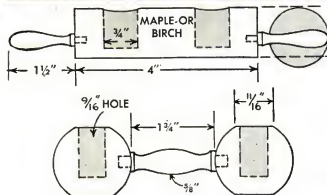
screw a couple of strips of heavy sheet metal or spring steel to it as indicated, making the top one so that it pivots easily. Then cut a notch in the pin just above the circular metal strip to take the edge of the jar lid. When you want to remove some of the eggs, just swing the pivoted metal piece to one side and remove the jar lid.—Lamar Ferguson, Camas, Wash.

can be done by hand with a wood auger, or on a drillpress as shown in Fig. 5, the size hole being determined by the size of the fountain pen to be used. A thumb-screw can be provided to hold the pen tightly in place.

Details of the writing-arm pivot block, rocker arm, slide and guides are contained in Figs. 6, 7 and 8. Notice that the rod should be allowed to slide in the pivot block if the rocker arm is not arranged to swing as in Fig. 7. However, the rod may be held securely in the block if the rocker arm is pivoted as in Fig. 8. Either arrangement will make a difference in the



# Novel Match Holders Turned on Your Lathe



Here are a couple of clever little match holders that you can make in one evening. One represents a rolling pin and the other a miniature dumb-bell, each providing room for two rolls of matches. The rolling-pin holder is made by first turning the center section to  $1\frac{1}{4}$  in. in dia., after which a flat is planed on one side to serve as the



bottom. Two holes are then bored in the top to provide match wells, the handles being made separately and glued in place. For the dumb-bell design, two  $1\frac{1}{8}$ -in. dia. balls are turned and bored to accommodate the matches and handle. Striking surfaces from match books are glued on the side of each holder.

## Child's Swing Has No Diagonal Braces Above Ground

Bolted securely across the two 4 by 4-in. vertical members of a child's swing, a 2-in. plank below the ground surface was found highly effective as a substitute for diagonal bracing, which was not desired both on account of the possibility of tripping over the braces and because of its appearance. Side pull exerted on the vertical members is distributed over the entire area of the plank, preventing the vertical members from working loose. All wood underground should be creosoted.

### Reset Early Perennials in Fall

The fall is the time to divide and reset early spring perennials such as bleeding hearts, peonies, pyrethrums and Shasta daisies. Also, lilacs may be transplanted in the fall. Because they bloom during May, it is often advisable to plant them in the fall in preference to the early spring.



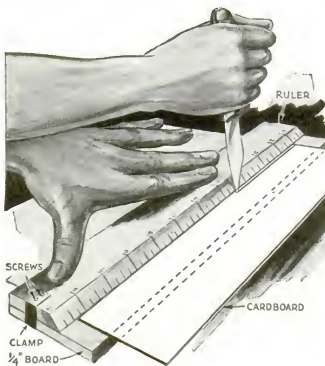
## Pocket Scraper to Clean Metal Before Soldering It



Instead of using your pocketknife or other small tool to clean metal for soldering, try this simple tool. It consists of an old safety-razor frame in which is clamped a piece of hack-saw blade so that the teeth project slightly beyond the edge of the comb of the razor.

## Board on Ruler Protects Desk Top When Cutting Cardboard

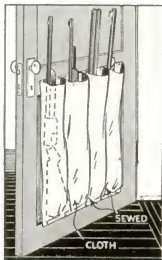
Attach a piece of wood to one end of an ordinary ruler and you can use it as a straightedge for cutting cardboard without marring desk or table tops. The strip of



wood is held at one end by a metal clamp, bent and screwed to the ruler as shown, which leaves the other end free so it can be lifted up for insertion of the cardboard.

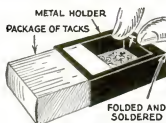
## Cloth Rack for Guns Hangs On Back of Closet Door

Living in a small apartment where space was very limited, one housewife whose husband had several guns, saved space in the closet by making a cloth rack for the guns and hanging it on the back of the closet door. The rack was made by sewing two pieces of strong, heavy cloth together so that long pockets were formed.



—Kathryn Shupe, Huntsville, Utah.

## Sleeve That Slips Over Carton Makes Tacks Easy to Remove



When you need only a few tacks, this metal sleeve that slips over the carton will enable you to select them and pour the remaining tacks back into the carton easily.

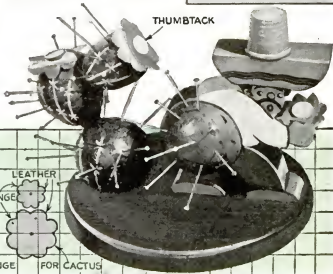
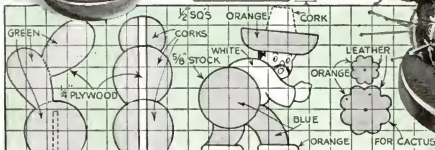
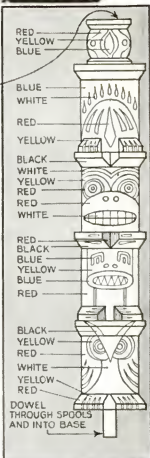
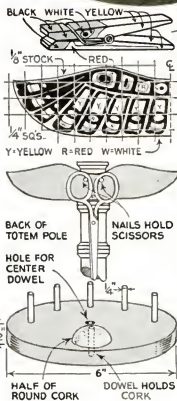
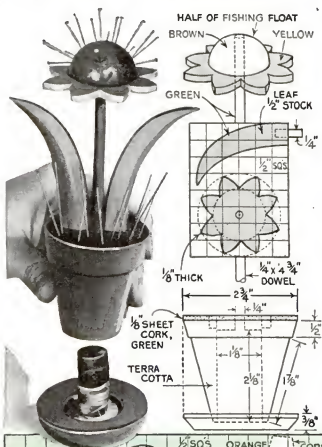
It is made from thin sheet metal to a size that the tack carton will slip into easily, one side of the sleeve being cut out as indicated. In use, the sleeve is pulled part way off the carton, allowing the tacks to slide into it. When finished, tipping the carton upward causes the unused tacks to slide back into it.

### WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

Have you solved some troublesome everyday problem of a mechanical nature pertaining to your home, work or occupation, your hobby, play or recreation? If so, why not send us a short description accompanied by a sketch or a photograph? Many other readers may benefit from what you have done. We pay promptly for accepted material and return that which we cannot use. Address Homecraft Editor, Popular Mechanics Magazine, 200 E. Ontario Street, Chicago, Illinois.

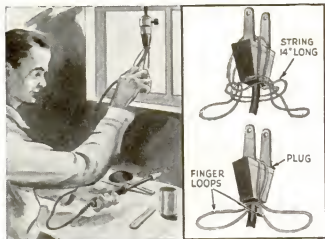
# SEWING AIDS

Designed for efficiency as well as decorative and amusing features, these sewing aids are made from simple materials. Empty spools assembled on a dowel and base in totem-pole fashion at the right, make a colorful ornament for a simple sewing outfit. Various faces and figures can be represented by a little carving and painting. The bird atop the pole has a clothespin beak, and scrollsawed wings are attached to a flat surface on the top spool. Five short dowels in the base hold thread spools, and half a round cork forms a pincushion. Concealed in the hollow pot of the pincushion plant below are small spools of darning cotton and a thimble. Needles "grow" like grass from a sheet-cork pincushion around the plant, and pins adorn the center of the cork flower. On the comedy side is a pincushion depicting a pathetic little figure that has backed into a cactus. Round and oval corks are cut in half and glued to the sides of both cutouts to give body to the cactus and figure. The flowers, made of leather, felt or oilcloth, are attached with colored thumb tacks





## String Pull on Extension Cord Helps Prevent Short Circuit



When using tools and appliances that are provided with extension cords that are to be plugged into outlets, try the pull shown for removing the plug. In this way there is no strain put on the cord where it enters the plug with the result that there is no possibility of breaking the insulation so that a short circuit may develop.

—Donald Richard, Manchester, N. H.

## Cellulose Tape Increases Life Of Magazine Covers



If you keep a permanent file of magazines for future reference, the covers will remain intact much longer if strips of cellulose tape are applied on the corners as shown. Being transparent, a strip of such

tape also can be applied lengthwise along the bound edge to provide additional protection without hiding the printing.

## Flat Container for Rubber Cement Holds Large Amount

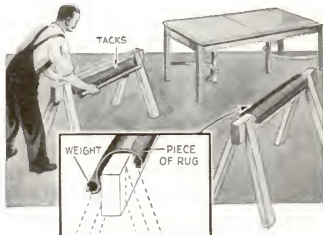
An ideal container for rubber cement can be made by soldering two tin pie plates together as shown. Then cut a hole in the top plate, remove the spout



from a 5-qt. oilcan and solder this over the hole. A small brush is next fitted in the oilcan cap so that it can be screwed on the spout to close the container tightly when not in use to reduce evaporation.

## Scrap Piece of Rug Used as Pad On Top of Sawhorse

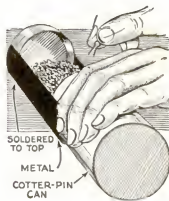
Instead of searching for something to pad his sawhorses each time he works on varnished furniture or boards of fine finish, one carpenter tacked weighted pieces



of an old rug on the horses as shown. These pads are not in the way when the horses are used for ordinary work, and may be swung up over them in a jiffy when needed.

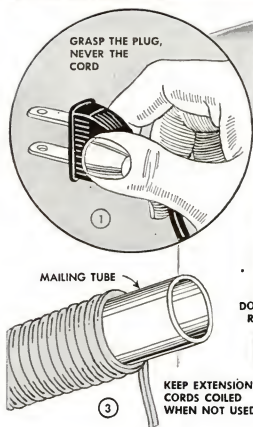
## Cotter-Pin Can Has Metal Tray To Select Contents Quickly

You won't have to pour cotter pins out on a flat surface to select the ones desired if the can is fitted with a tray of the type shown. It can be made easily by bending a piece of sheet metal to the contour of the can and then soldering this onto the lid. In use, the lid is opened, which automatically draws the tray into position so the pins can be selected quickly. When finished, it takes only a second to pour the pins back into the can and close the lid.



¶To preserve fine pieces of mahogany furniture, keep them away from open windows and sources of artificial heat.

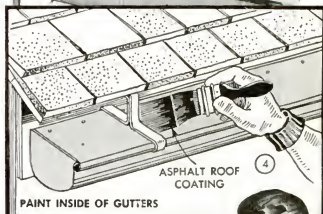
# MAKE THEM LAST LONGER!



IT'S more important now than ever before to make equipment used around your home last as long as possible. Regular attention to simple precautions often will double the useful life of accessories and appliances. For example, cut in half the number of times you open the refrigerator by removing all the things you need at one time and you'll be surprised at the saving of both wear and operating expense of the vital mechanism. Leaving the door standing open as in Fig. 2, and infrequent defrosting are costly habits. Don't neglect the rubber door gasket. A weekly washing and dusting with talcum, to prevent sticking, will go a long way to make it last.

Never allow an electric extension cord to lie about doubled in a series of short bends which are the cause of breaks in the rubber covering. If you store the cord, wrap it loosely around a large mailing tube, as in Fig. 3, and place it in a drawer or dark closet. When you remove a cord from a wall receptacle, grasp the plug as in Fig. 1.

Paint the inside surfaces of eave gutters, Fig. 4, with ordinary house paint over a metal primer, or an asphalt roof coating. A galvanized wire clothesline will stay bright years longer if you wipe it with an oily rag after using, Fig. 5. The oil is wiped off



WIPE CLOTHESLINE WITH OILY RAG



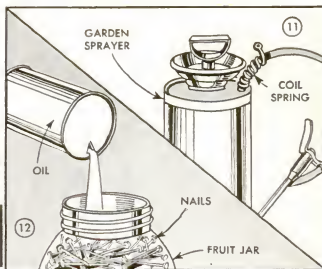


STORE PAINT "LEFTOVERS" IN FRUIT JARS

easily when you're ready to use the line. After the firing season has passed, take down the smokepipe of your heating plant and give it a thorough cleaning. Use a wire flue brush to loosen the soot and scale as in Fig. 6. Then store the pipe in a dry place. Be extra careful when you reseal compression faucets, Fig. 8. The bibb seat may have become worn from long use or cut thin from previous reseatings. Salvage all used nails and screws which are still serviceable, put them in a can or fruit jar and pour oil over them, Fig. 12.

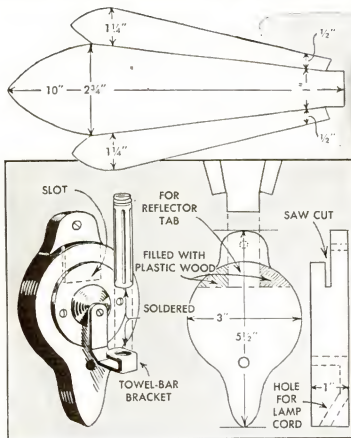
A dust bag half full of dirt makes your vacuum cleaner far less efficient. The bag should be kept clean, Fig. 9, and the motor bearings should be lubricated at regular intervals. Be sure to release the pressure on the rolls of a washing-machine wringer, even if it stands idle for only a short time, Fig. 10. There is always the danger that the rubber rolls will stick together.

Garden sprayers and other appliances having a direct-attached hose or cord often are fitted with a spring to protect the cord or hose from sharp bends at the point where it is attached. If the spring is broken or missing renew it, Fig. 11. Leftover paint, Fig. 7, can be kept for a long time if you seal it in small glass fruit jars.





## Pair of Sconce Lamps at Vanity Give Soft Glow



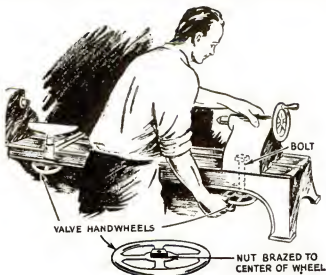
Incorporating parts of an ordinary chrome or nickered towel bar simplifies making a pair of these attractive wall lamps. Reflectors of highly polished metal are cut to the pattern shown and shaped concave by bending over a round object of suitable diameter. Short lengths of towel bar or pipe nipples will do to support the sockets which are fitted with candle-type bulbs. The base blocks may be varnished or enameled

## Handwheels to Adjust Tool Rest and Tailstock on Lathe

Substituted for the nuts that tighten or loosen the clamping blocks that lock the tailstocks and tool rests of some types of woodturning lathes, a couple of handwheels will be timesavers when adjusting these parts. If possible, use wheels large enough to project beyond the lathe bed for ease of operation. And if desired, the wheel

rims can be filed or ground to make good gripping surfaces. On lathes having the nuts on top of the tool rest and tailstock, the bolts can be turned with the threaded ends down. Braze the lathe nuts over the holes in the handwheels, enlarging the holes if necessary.

—R. W. Arbogast, Glacier Park, Mont.



## Hanging a Punching Bag

Here is a method of hanging a punching bag which should interest the physical culturist whose daily practice shakes and rumbles the house. First make a frame 4 ft. square of 2 by 4-in. stock, and cover it with tongued and grooved hardwood flooring laid closely and toenailed. In the center of this flooring, on the side opposite the frame, the regular punching bag swivel is fastened. Then a staple is driven into each corner of the frame and the platform suspended from the ceiling by four pieces of rope passed through the staples.

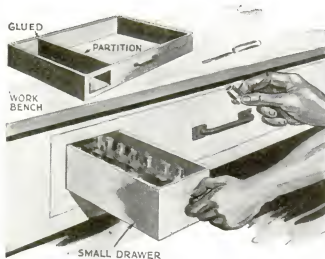
## Torch for Starting Brush Fires Made From Length of Pipe



Igniting piles of brush or starting fires to burn off prairies is a simple matter with this torch. To make it, a length of  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. pipe is plugged at one end with a cork and is packed at the other end with wicking material, the latter extending down into the pipe for a distance of 3 or 4 in. In use, the cork is removed from the pipe which is then filled with kerosene and the cork replaced. The kerosene works up through the wicking, which can be ignited.

## Extra Drawer Holds Small Tools At End of Bench Drawer

Instead of storing small tools and other items in a large workbench drawer where they often are difficult to locate, why not keep them in a small drawer which slides in the large one? All you need to do is cut an opening in the drawer front near one



end and install a partition. Then a small drawer is made to fit, which provides a place for small items where they can be reached without opening the large drawer.

## Oil Drum With Burlap Over End Keeps Spring Water Clean

If you dislike to use water from a spring because of insects that frequent such places, cut the top and bottom from an oil drum, wire a double thickness of burlap over one end and lower this into the spring.

The burlap permits clean water to filter in while a cover fitted over the drum top keeps out dust and leaves.



## Magnets Serve as Glue Clamps For Small Model Parts

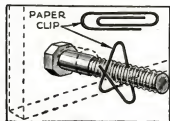


The next time you have a number of small model parts to glue together, try a couple of small, strong magnets of the type shown as clamps. These magnets have an exceptionally strong attraction

for each other, and will hold the parts firmly together until the glue sets.

## An Easy Method to Hold Screws In Their Proper Places

When dismantling any object where the screws must be returned to their original holes, a good way to prevent mixing them is to slip them through the unthreaded hole of the part removed and turn on a paper clip to keep them in place. Spread the clip just enough so that it can be turned onto the threads of the screw.



## *New Jobs for* INSULATION BATS



NORMALLY, an uncovered hot-water tank radiates considerable heat, requiring more fuel to maintain the required amount of hot water than would be necessary if the tank were completely covered with an insulating jacket. If such a jacket is not available, you can substitute ordinary insulation bats, wrapping them around the tank and holding them in place by means of 1-in. cloth tape, or other banding. In one case where the water was heated by a coil in the furnace and additional gas heat was required to provide sufficient hot water, wrapping the tank in the manner described made auxiliary gas heating unnecessary and saved about 70 cents per month.

In basements where the temperature is higher than desired during the winter months, much of the heat radiated from the top of a furnace or boiler can be retained and a saving of fuel effected by covering the heating plant with insulation bats as shown. When doing this, care must be taken to avoid installing any inflammable material in contact with, or too close to the smoke pipe.

If your basement is too cool for comfort during winter, and you do not have storm sash on the basement windows, a few insulating bats will help to keep it warmer, if you care to cover the windows. In one case where all windows of a basement were so covered, the temperature was raised 6 degrees above that possible with uncovered windows. When working with insulation bats, keep in mind that they should not be compressed, as this reduces their effectiveness, but be sure to keep them in the fluffy state as they are when purchased.



*Hot-water tanks*



*Basement windows*



*Heating plants*



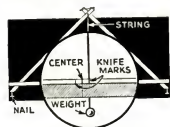
## Surface of an Ink Pad Kept Moist By Tacking Cover to Board



The surface of an ink pad will always be moist so that a rubber stamp can be inked quickly and evenly if the pad is kept in an inverted position when not in use. To be sure that his helpers would follow this practice, one shipping clerk tacked the cover of his ink pad securely to a small board. In this way, the pad is always upside-down when the box is closed.

## Emergency Level Easy to Make

If you are in need of a level and none is available, you can improvise one that can be made any size desired. With three wood strips, or even poles if a large level is needed, form a triangle.



The angles do not have to be exactly the same; rigidity is the main thing. Drive a nail into the lower end of each leg of the triangle, letting the heads project about 1 in. Then attach a plumb bob from the top of the triangle. Now set the legs on two solid objects and mark the position where the plumb bob crosses the horizontal bar of the triangle. Next, reverse the positions of the legs, being sure that the nail heads rest in the same locations as before, and again mark the position of the plumb bob on the horizontal bar. You will now have two marks on the bar. Measure one half the distance between the two and mark as before. When the low leg is raised

so the plumb bob cuts this center mark, the nail heads are resting on the same level plane.

—W. K. Dodge, Sr., Fort Bragg, Calif.

## Repairing Fountain-Pen Threads

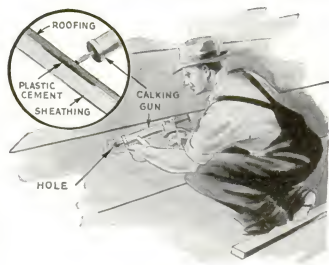
When the threads on your fountain pen have become so worn that the cap will not stay in place, try this simple repair. Apply a thin coat of shellac to the threads inside the cap, and after 10 min. or so, press a cigarette paper firmly against the tacky surface. After trimming off the surplus paper, screw the cap onto the pen and then remove it. Examine the paper to see if it has been pressed into close contact with the threads. If not, screw the cap onto the pen again. When the paper makes good contact with the threads, lay the cap aside until the shellac has dried thoroughly.



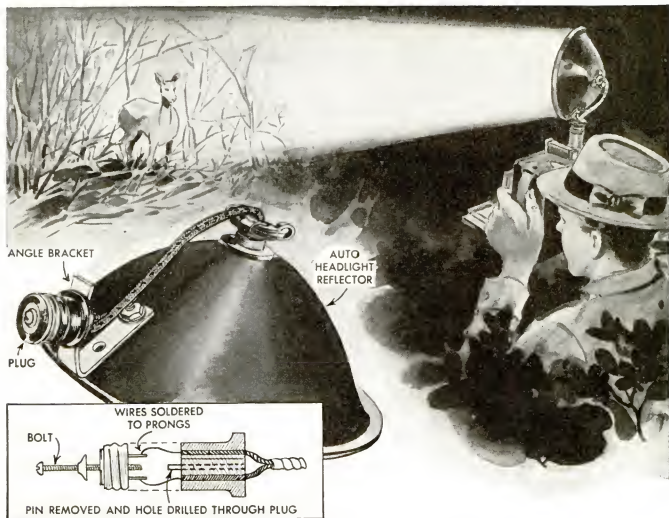
## Small Holes in Composition Roof Patched With Calking Gun

In patching small holes in a composition roof, I found that a very good job can be done by applying the regular plastic for this purpose with a calking gun. The nozzle of the gun is inserted through the hole in the roof and the plastic is applied between the roofing and the sheathing. Then the roofing is pressed down firmly, after which a little of the plastic is applied over the hole. You will find this method much better than merely applying the plastic to the exposed surface of the roof.

—A. W. Osborne, Tulsa, Okla.



# Spot Reflector for Small Photo-Flash Bulbs



Flashlight photographs can be taken of subjects 50 to 200 ft. from the camera with this "spot reflector." Stage scenes can be "shot" from the rear of a theater; birds and animals can be caught in their natural surroundings without approaching close enough to frighten them and athletic events can be photographed from a spectator's seat. Costing less than a dollar, the reflector consists of an auto headlight reflector, an angle bracket and an electric plug. The plug is altered as shown for the attachment of wires and so that it can be fastened to the bracket with a bolt, the latter being substituted for the center contact. The assembly is screwed into the bulb socket of the regular flash equipment and operated in the usual way, except at much greater distance. Light from a midget flashbulb is concentrated in a comparatively narrow beam, just as is thrown from a car's headlight. This makes it necessary to aim the beam carefully at the subject being photographed. The approximate size and shape of the beam can be determined by inserting a regular car bulb in

the reflector and attaching it to a storage battery. The reflector should be given a coat of clear lacquer to protect the silvering. The midget flashbulb used has a single-contact bayonet base and the reflector must be one with a socket to accommodate this.—E. F. Whiteside, Wilmette, Ill.

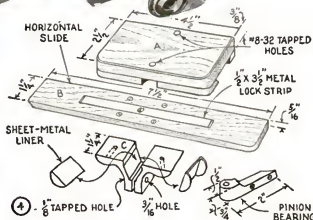
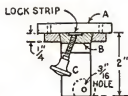
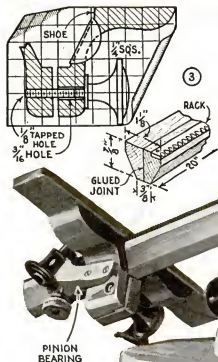
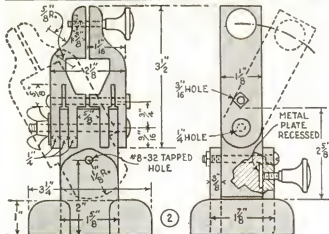
## Handy Case for Small Camera

A smart-looking and inexpensive case for a miniature camera can be made from a leather pouch designed to hold a small manicure set. These cases usually are fitted with a slide fastener around three sides, making it easy to remove the camera. By cutting two slots in the back and adding a belt, the case can be carried conveniently over the shoulder.





① SET VERTICALLY FOR FLOOR SHOTS



## Fully-adjustable

New mono-rail type having front and rear focusing with rise, fall, tilt, swing and shift adjustments. Only parts to buy are lens, shutter, bellows plus used pinions and rack

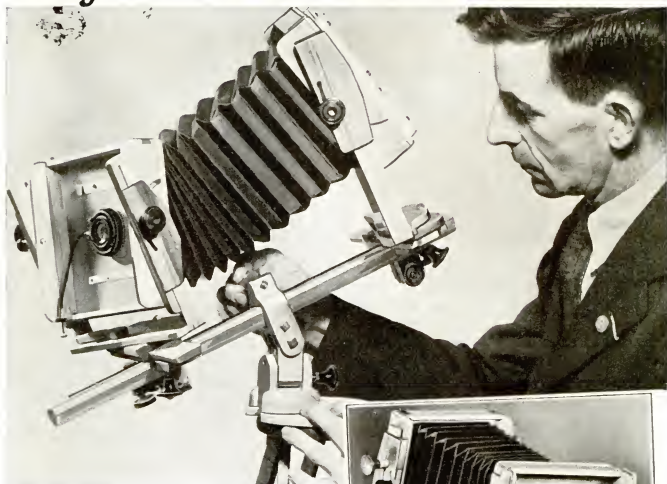
By E. M. Love

IF IT'S a view camera you want, here's an excellent one, embodying features of expensive commercial models. The cost will not be excessive if you already have a suitable lens on hand, especially one of a Graflex or a Speed Graphic camera. A further saving can be had by making the bellows yourself.

Maple is the best wood to use, although any hardwood will do. Fig. 2 details the two-part swivel head that carries the rack-fitted rail. Matching slots in the upper and lower parts interlap to permit rigid locking in one direction, while a metal bearing plate recessed flush in the side of the lower part as indicated, allows a drawer-knob thumbwheel to be tightened to lock it in the opposite direction. Note the saw kerfs in the upper slots to give a spring action to the joint. An auxiliary base fitted to the swivel head as shown in the photo above Fig. 4, may be added for attaching the unit



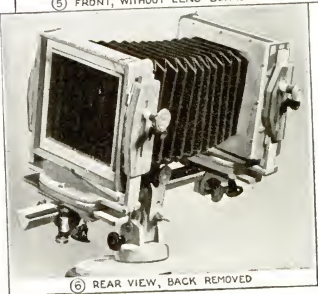
# 4-by-5 VIEW CAMERA . . . .



to the tripod screw with a wingnut, or the swivel head itself can be tapped to receive the tripod screw direct. The detail below Fig. 3 shows how warping of the rail is checked by gluing two pieces back to back, so that the grain runs opposite. A rabbet along one edge is made to receive the focusing rack flush. The front and rear jaws that clamp the lens and the film units to the rail, are laid out according to the squared drawing in Fig. 3. Sufficient clearance should be allowed to accommodate the little metal liners that bear against the sides of the rail when pressure is applied. You will notice in the detail to the right of Fig. 3 that the thumbwheels, controlling side shift, enter the shoes at an angle. Note also that the shafts of these handwheels make contact with a metal lock strip set flush in the horizontal slide pieces, B, to which the shoes are fastened. Part B provides a dovetail track on which part A slides. The pinion bearing blocks detailed in Fig. 4, fasten to the sides of the shoes with small screws and glue at such an angle to permit the pinions to engage the racks. Setscrews or small cotter pins may be used to attach the pinions to their shafts.



(5) FRONT, WITHOUT LENS BOARD



(6) REAR VIEW, BACK REMOVED

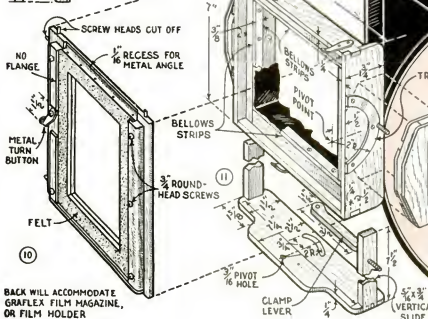
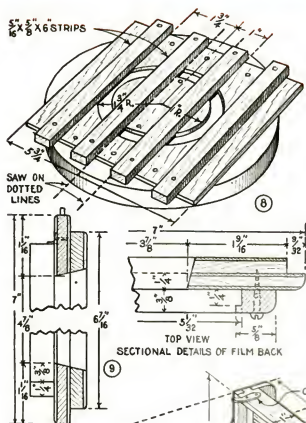
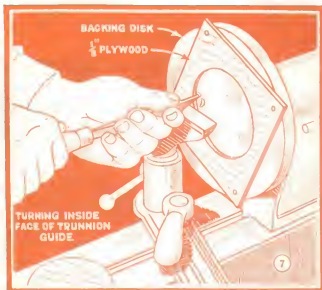
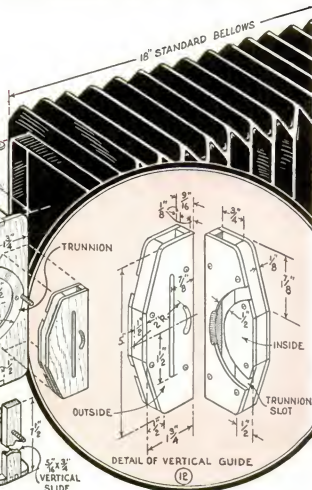


Fig. 11 details the construction of the boxes and vertical slides that pivot to part A. Both boxes, front and rear, are practically duplicates, except for the manner of attaching the bellows. Typical box-joint construction is used at the corners, allowing the tenons to extend for trimming flush after gluing. Trunnions, which engage the rise-and-fall guides detailed in Fig. 12, permit smooth tilt movement to the boxes. To make the trunnions and guides, a piece of plywood is tacked temporarily to a wood faceplate and the center is turned as in Fig. 7, to equal the radius given in Fig. 8. Then a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. trunnion ring is turned to fit nicely inside the plywood recess and finally, a center disk is cut to fit within the ring. This disk is tacked to the wood faceplate, using the ring as a guide to get it in the exact center, and seeing that the nails are placed so as not to interfere in sawing later. Now the ring is removed and strips are applied as shown, gluing the two center ones equidistantly from a center line. The two outer strips are located to move freely on the vertical slides, a piece of paper being inserted for clearance. A pair of right and left guides are produced by sawing the assembly apart along the dotted lines, applying outer covers and trimming to the shape and size shown in Fig. 12. To







## Extra Weights for Photo Scales Made From Film Containers



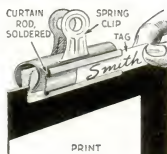
Some small metal containers in which 35-mm. film is packed, a few washers and a candle, are all you need to make extra weights for your darkroom scales. In making the smaller weights, place the lid of a film container on one side of the scales and

the weight to be duplicated on the other side and drop wax from the burning candle into the container lid until it balances the known weight. For heavier weights, use the containers themselves, placing washers in them until they nearly balance and using wax to complete the balance.

—Willard Brown, Monroe, Wis.

## Name-Clip Identifies Photograph Placed Face-Down on Tin

These name-clips enable a commercial photographer to pick out certain prints for quick drying from a large number that have been placed face-down on ferrotype tins. Each clip has a short piece of a curtain rod soldered to one side, in which can be slipped a card bearing a name or number.



## Dutch Windmill, Lawn Furniture, Trellises

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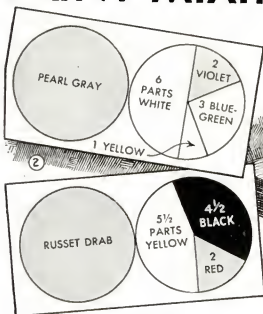
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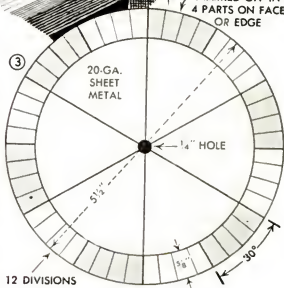


# SHOP NOTES

## COLOR WHEEL *takes guesswork out of* PAINT MIXING



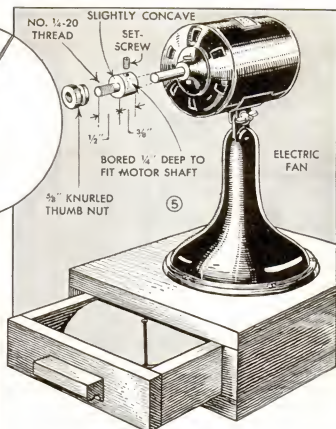
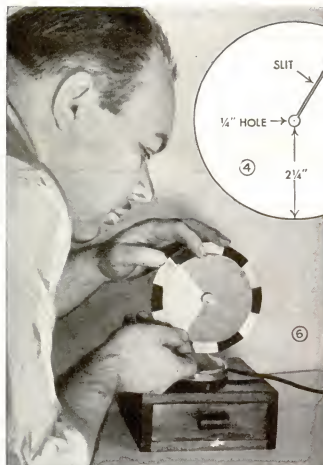
EACH DIVISION  
MARKED OFF IN  
4 PARTS ON FACE  
OR EDGE



**N**EEDLESS experimenting and considerable waste of time and paint can be eliminated in solving your paint-mixing problems by letting a color wheel assist you in determining the correct amounts of various colors that are required to produce any desired shade of color. Besides this shop use, such a color wheel can be of help in art classes, interior decorating work and in automobile touchup jobs.

The fundamental idea of the color wheel is to rotate concentrically mounted disks of various colors, arranged to overlap each other so that a certain proportion of the color of each disk shows. The color produced by rotating will be the same as that produced by mixing together paints matching the disks in exactly the same proportions as the areas that are exposed. Rotation can be accomplished by a hand, or motor-driven shaft such as a little fan motor as in Fig. 1. It is provided with a threaded shaft extension as detailed in Fig. 5, and a wood or metal disk to give rigidity to the paper disks. All the disks have a 1/4-in. hole at the exact center, and the

paper ones have a slit cut radially from the center to the edge as in Fig. 4, which permits them to overlap each other. A thumbnut is provided so that the disks can be tightened together securely in whatever position they are arranged, in order to prevent them from shifting while being rotated. The backing disk, shown in Fig. 3, is divided into six



divisions, each of which is divided at the edge into eight equal parts, four being painted white and the other four black, producing twelve equal divisions that are alternately white and black. These divisions serve to measure the amount of each disk showing.

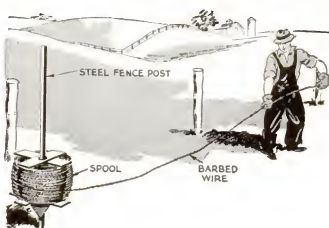
Inasmuch as the primary colors, blue, red and yellow, in addition to white and black, are contained in various proportions in all others, any shade can be matched if you have five white paper disks, one unpainted, another black, and the remaining three painted with the three primary colors that you are to use in painting. However, this

method of blending need not be restricted to the use of primary colors only, but works equally well with any colors with which you are working. In matching, you arrange the disks as in Fig. 6, and rotate them until a satisfactory result is obtained. You can keep a handy record by using cards similar to those shown in Fig. 2, daubing the resulting paint on one circle and dividing the other circle into as many parts as colors used, together with data regarding the amount or proportion of each color. For convenience, the fan may be mounted on a small box fitted with a drawer for storing a number of disks.

## Steel Post Provides Safe Handle to Carry Barbed Wire

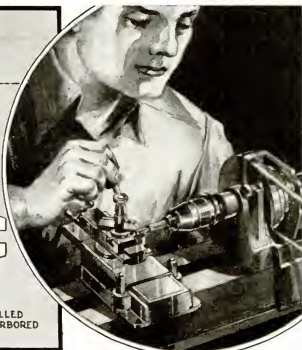
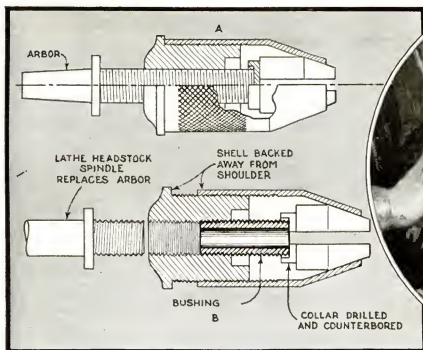
Carrying a spool of barbed wire and unrolling it without help when putting in a fence is done safely by one farmer who slips the spool onto a steel post. This makes carrying easy as the cross blade keeps the spool from sliding off and, when driven into the ground temporarily, the post also provides a handy holder for the spool while it is being unwound.

Grinding off one corner of a lathe spur center makes it easy to relocate work in case further turning is necessary.





# Drill Chuck Altered to Fit Small Metal Lathe



Owners of small metal lathes having spindles of  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. diameter, can equip them with a serviceable chuck at a fraction of the cost of a special one, by altering an inexpensive  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. drill chuck. The chuck, of course, must have the same size thread as the lathe spindle. First of all, the chuck is dismantled by unscrewing the shell from the core. Cutaway view A shows how the chuck looks before altering, it being necessary to turn the whole chuck body to open and close the jaws. As the lathe spindle, which supplants the original arbor, is

too short to engage the jaws, insertion of a threaded bushing is required as shown in detail B. Now only the shell of the chuck is turned to operate the jaws. The length of the bushing must be determined by trial, so that the shell does not quite touch the shoulder of the core when the jaws are closed. If a jaw opening is desired clear through the chuck, the cup collar is bored about  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. larger than the size of the spindle bore. If it is hardened, it will be necessary to anneal it first.

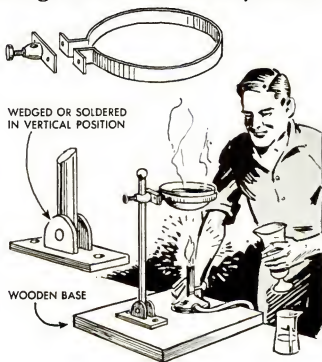
—J. W. Naylor, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

## Window Adjuster and Metal Ring Form Laboratory Stand

If you need a small laboratory stand, here's one that can be made almost entirely from a casement-window adjusting rod. It is screwed to a suitable wooden base after which the adjuster is soldered or wedged in a vertical position. Then a metal ring, 4 in. in diameter, is bent as indicated and drilled so that it can be bolted permanently to the sliding plate. After placing a vessel in the ring, its height above the flame is adjusted quickly by loosening the thumbscrew.

### PASSING UP AN OPPORTUNITY?

Have you ever said "That's a good idea for Popular Mechanics" but you failed to send it in? Next time, don't pass up an opportunity—write a short description, include a clear photo or drawing, and mail it to the Homecraft Editor. If your idea is accepted, a check will be sent promptly.



## Pipe Stem Serves as Ball Stylus For Shading on Stencil



Needing a ball stylus with which to do screen-shading work on a duplicator stencil, I found that the aluminum filter tip of a discarded pipe stem was highly suitable. The pipe stem is used in exactly the same way as a stylus made especially for this work.—G. E. Hendrickson, Argyle, Wis.

## Rugs in This Holder Unrolled Easily for Inspection

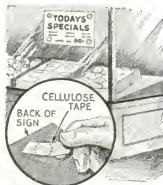
Supporting rolled rugs vertically in slotted holes so that they can be unrolled partially for inspection, this holder is used by a large department store for the conven-



ience of its customers. The holder consists of two large wood disks spaced by a post or standard, which is braced top and bottom to the disks. The upper disk has slotted holes in which the rugs rest and the lower disk is provided with wooden pegs to fit into the ends of the rug rolls.

## Neat Way to Mount Paper Signs In a Show Window

When mounting paper signs in a window you can attach them with tape so that the latter does not show from outside the window by using the following method: Make an opening at each corner of the paper and then strip the tape across it, pressing the tape into contact with the window at each opening.



## Breakage of Small Dies Reduced By Keeping Them Clean

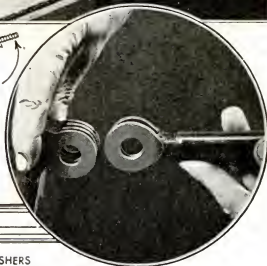
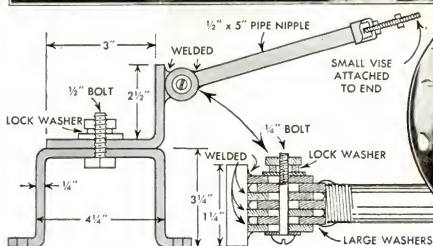
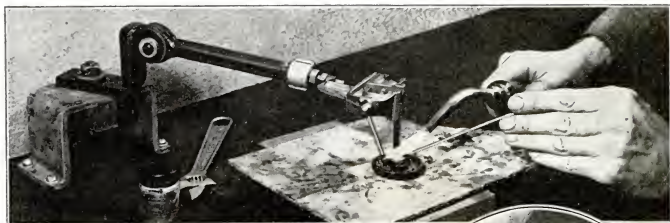


A bottle brush of the type shown is handy for keeping very small dies clean. This is necessary if breakage is to be minimized. The small cutting edges of such dies cannot stand too much pressure, and will chip off if chips are forced between them.

## How to Stake Tomato Plants

If you stake your tomato plants, the crop is usually reduced, but the quality and size is much better because staked plants are less likely to be attacked by insects or diseases. The most common method of staking consists in setting posts at the ends of the rows and stringing two wires between them. The small plants are trimmed to one or two stems, after which cords are tied at the bases of the plants and attached to the top wire. The plants are trained up the cords and onto the wires.

# Crane-Type Clamp Holds Parts for Welding



Resembling a crane in miniature, this unusual clamp can be tilted, turned, and swung to almost any position, which makes it ideal to hold parts while welding them. The base of the clamp is a U-shaped piece of iron to which an L-shaped piece is pivoted to support the crane arm. This is a pipe nipple hinged to the L-piece by a fric-

tion joint made by welding washers to the parts as shown. The outer end of the nipple is fitted with a cap, which is drilled in the end and a nut welded over it to take a stud bolt for attachment of a small vise. The vise serves as a clamp, which can be turned to any angle for holding the work.

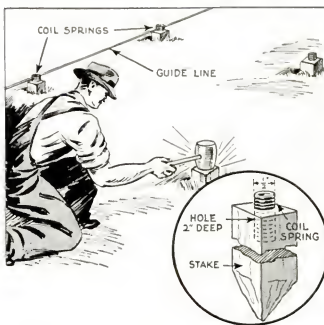
—Walter E. Burton, Akron, Ohio.

## Coil Springs in Stakes Anchor Excavator's Guide Lines

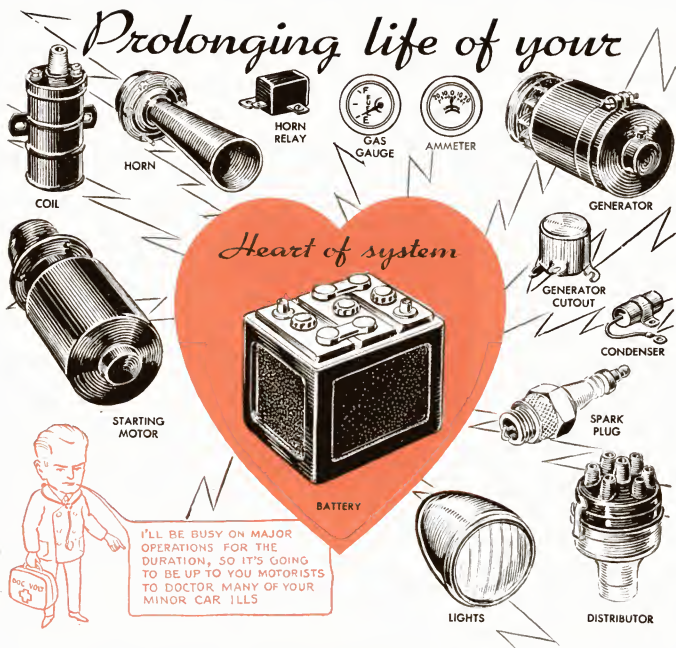
To save time in tying guide lines on stakes and to prevent the lines from being dislodged accidentally, one excavating contractor places the lines between the coils of springs. These are set tightly in holes in the stake tops so that two or three coils of each spring project to take the lines. The springs will compress when driving the stakes so they will not be damaged.

—A. H. Waychoff, Phoenix, Ariz.

☐ Soft woods such as fir and cypress are not suitable for making forms for use in spinning metal as woods of this type have a tendency to reproduce a grain pattern on the metal that is very difficult to remove. Best results are obtained by using hard maple for the forms in this type of work.







By C. E. Packer

**B**URNED-OUT lights, a "dead" starter or a stalled motor not only inconvenience a motorist, but are often the cause of serious accidents that, in many cases, could have been avoided by keeping the electrical system of the car in good condition. On most cars, this is neither expensive nor difficult, requiring only regular checkups and minor replacements.

As the battery is the heart of the electrical system, it should be given frequent attention, such as the addition of distilled water at regular intervals. Since it is highly sensitive to temperature, water must be added more often in hot weather. In doing so, however, you must guard against over filling. Water brought to a level higher than indicated in Fig. 1 will corrode the terminals and carrier, and cause serious damage to the cables and other parts on

which the acid is spilled. In addition to its corrosive action, acid on the top of the battery forms a path for electricity from terminal to terminal, and is a common cause of run-down batteries. Even with the best of attention some acid will be deposited on top of the battery and should be neutralized by pouring a cup of soda water or diluted ammonia over it as in Fig. 3, being careful not to get any inside the cells. After this, the battery should be rinsed with warm water and dried. To get all of the corrosion out of the terminals it is well to remove them, brush or scrape off the corrosion, Fig. 2, and then give them a coating of vaseline.

While the battery is the heart of the system, it is the generator that supplies the energy. Therefore all wiring must be in good condition and the various connec-

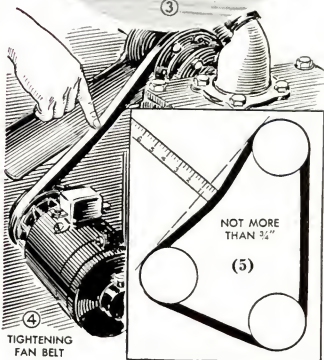
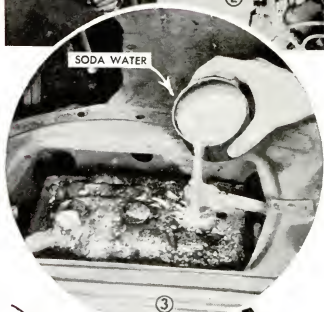
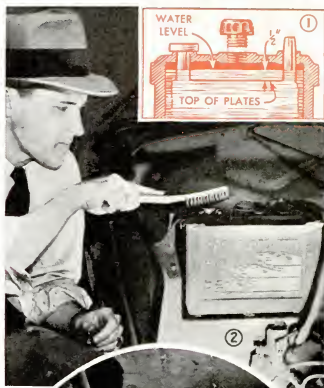
# CAR'S ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

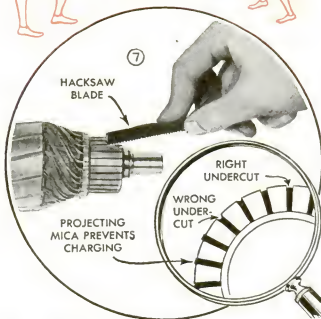


tions kept clean and tight. Should unusual resistance due to corrosion or loose connections interfere with the flow of electricity, current intended for the battery will be forced into the accessories with the result that breaker points will be burned, condensers overloaded, ignition coils overheated, and similar harm done. Burned out lights and similar damage do not always result from one loose terminal, but from the cumulative effect of the resistance resulting from a little looseness or a little corrosion in many terminals. Be sure especially to keep the generator wire tight at the cutout, Fig. 10.

A most common neglect in the electrical system is the fan belt which also runs the generator. If this is allowed to run too loosely it may result in undercharging the battery. Correct adjustment of the fan belt should permit a movement between the center of two pulleys of from  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. as shown in Figs. 4 and 5. A belt that is too tight is hard on the generator bearings.

Over-oiling is one of the most common causes of generator failure. A drop or two of oil every thousand miles on the bearings, in absence of specific instructions from the manufacturer, is about right, Fig. 6. Excess lubricant coats the commutator with an insulating film, which results in arcing and pitting of the commutator as the brushes attempt to cut through to make contact with the commutator segments. Temporary relief may be had by sanding the surface of the commutator with the generator running, using No. 00 sandpaper, Fig. 8, also reversing the sandpaper and working it back and forth under the brushes, as in Fig. 9, is a good idea. If the mica between the generator segments is flush, or almost so, it should be undercut as in Fig. 7. A hack-saw blade on which the teeth have been ground down slightly from side to side will enable you to do the undercutting. Also, over-oiling may damage the rubber insulation on the wires

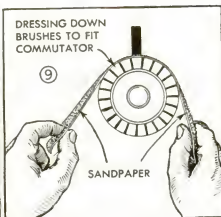




that connect the brush holders to the terminals. If a generator has been over-oiled the best cure is to disassemble it and wash all parts thoroughly in gasoline, using a paint brush to scrub out the accumulated oil and dirt. Before making any electrical tests or assembling, all parts should be dried carefully. Generator brushes that have become oil-soaked should be discarded and new ones installed.

Overloading and breaking down of ignition coils and condensers commonly results from excessive resistance in the secondary circuit. This resistance may develop at a number of points. The high-tension voltage generated in the coil may encounter excessive resistance due to neglect of the spark plug electrodes, which in the absence of factory information, should have a gap of .025 of an inch, Fig. 11. One place where leakage is likely to result is from the high-tension cables, Fig. 12, as they are continually exposed to high temperatures and oil vapors and should be kept clean. The combined action of heat and oil plus the extra resistance of wide plug gaps is destructive to the insulation. Other points of resistance are found where the ignition wires enter the distributor cap, Fig. 13. Sandpaper on the end of a pencil should be used to provide a clean contact for the secondary wires. As the rotor revolves within the distributor the high tension contacts of the rotor and the cap burn away. In the absence of new parts, the contacts can be built up with solder which will serve satisfactorily for a good many thousand miles.

Nothing need be said about servicing lights and other accessories as these will give very little trouble provided they are protected against excessive voltage. Modern cars use a regulator which has three units, Fig. 15. The first unit is the electrical cut-out which is nothing more than

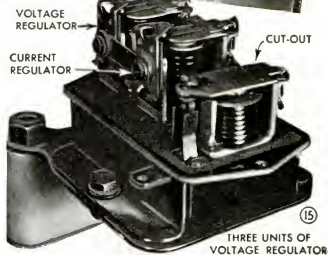
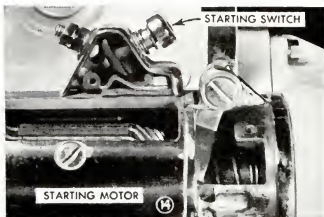
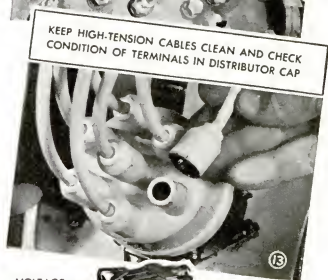




an automatic switch, allowing current to flow from the generator into the battery when the generator voltage exceeds that of the battery. On the other hand, when the generator stops, the cut-out switch opens and prevents the battery from discharging through the generator. The other two units of the regulator are the voltage unit which proportions the generator output to the need of the battery, and the current regulator, which limits the output of the generator to a certain safe maximum determined by the generator manufacturer. The regulator unit is somewhat complicated and most car owners will do well to limit themselves to seeing that the contact points are clean and faced squarely.

Starting motors, Fig. 14, require little attention. In those using the inertia-type weight on a spiral threaded shaft, the most common cause of failure is spring breakage. Another cause of failure is the use of lubricant on the threaded shaft, which should be kept clean and dry. If the pinion does not travel smoothly, a little graphite may be used on the shaft. The other popular type of starting motor gearing incorporates a pinion which is shifted by spring tension just before the starter switch is closed. If this spring breaks, the starter spins but does not crank the engine.

Like the generator, the starting motor may be damaged by over-oiling. Consequently, when removed for any other purpose it is well to disassemble the starter and wash it out thoroughly, drying all parts before assembling. A little light cup grease applied in the bearings will give long service, and is well worth applying since many starters are manufactured with no oil cups on their bearings. Jamming of the starter pinion against the flywheel is commonly due to looseness of the starter on its mounting. To free a jammed pinion, place the car in high and rock it back and forth.



## Jumper Wire 'Shorts' Out Switch To Drive Car When Key Is Lost



One motorist who lost his ignition key was able to get his car home by running a jumper wire from the live side of the horn relay to the coil as shown. The jumper wire could be connected to any terminal where current can be picked up. With this arrangement, the motor must be choked to stop it.

—Nelson Todds, St. John, N. B., Can.

## Polisher for Commutator Bars

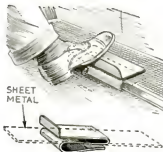


After turning down a commutator in our shop we polish it by pressing a canvas roll against it as it rotates. This imparts a high polish and cleans the bars of all grit, carbon, metal and mica particles. A roll will last for months of service, and is made by rolling a strip of canvas tightly to a diameter of about 1 in., using rubber bands to hold it.

—Herman R. Wallin, New York, N. Y.

## Detachable Foot Scraper on Car Helps Keep Interior Clean

If your car has running boards of the type shown, this simple foot scraper will help to keep the interior clean, especially during win-

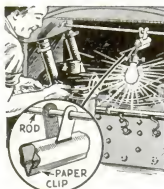


ter months. Only a few minutes are required to bend the scraper from a piece of sheet metal, and it can be slipped in place easily or removed and stored in the trunk or under a seat when not needed.

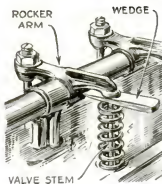
## Clip on a Radiator Brace Rod Holds Trouble Light

By loosening one end of a radiator brace rod and slipping a large paper clip over it, you have a handy place to hold a trouble lamp while making motor repairs. The clip is also handy for cards containing data of oil changes, radiator solutions, etc.

—Everett Hanson, Argyle, Wis.



## Compression Relieved by Wedge While Checking Motor



When adjusting bearings on an overhead-valve motor, it is a simple matter to relieve the compression on each cylinder as desired by using a wedge. This is inserted between the tappet and the end of the valve stem so that the valve cannot close completely. This method is quicker than removing and replacing a spark plug.

## Used Anti-Freeze Solutions Tested To Determine Presence of Acid

Due to a possible shortage of anti-freeze solutions, many motorists using solutions of the ethylene glycol, denatured ethyl alcohol and ethanol types drained and saved them for use this coming winter. However, before returning the solution to your radiator, it should be tested with blue litmus paper or some similar indicator that shows whether or not it is free from acidity. If the paper shows red when immersed into the solution, acid is present, and should be

neutralized by dissolving about 1 oz. of washing soda in the solution, or just enough to prevent the paper from turning red when immersed into it. If the acid is not neutralized, it will damage the metal parts of the cooling system. It is a good idea to add sodium chromate, 1 oz. as a corrosion inhibitor, which is desirable in summer as well as winter. Also, the solution should be tested for strength before using it again. In this way, you can pour enough anti-freeze solution into the radiator to bring it up to the desired strength before pouring in the used solution. This will make it unnecessary to drain off and waste some of the solution later so that the new solution can be added to increase the strength. In order to avoid losing any of the anti-freeze, be sure that your cooling system is tight so that there will be no leaks. Check over the heater, hose connections and water pump, and inspect the radiator carefully for leaky places that might waste the anti-freeze solution.

### Wire Mesh on Beams of Garage Prevents Birds Roosting

Disliking to have birds roost on the tie beams above my car in the garage, I discourage this practice by nailing wire mesh to the upper edges of the beams. The wire was cut and bent as shown in the photo to provide sharp points.



—L. F. Waitzman, Dayton, Ohio.

### Avoiding Breakage of Oil Line



When replacing an oil line on your car, a little caution in pulling up the fittings may prevent future leakage. These fittings should be drawn up by hand, and no wrench should be applied to them until the motor is started. If the fittings are then tightened just sufficiently to prevent leaks, there will be less danger of pulling them up too tight.

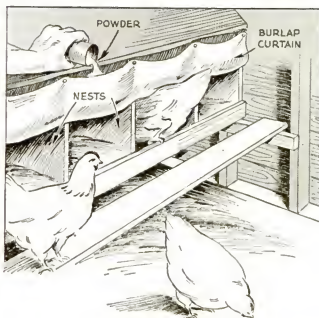
### Lapel Pincushion for the Tailor Made From Cork and Badge



A handy pincushion for use of window trimmers or tailors may be made by cementing a large cork to a celluloid badge. The badge can then be worn on the coat lapel or sleeve within easy reach, sticking the pins into the cork.

### Chickens Dusted Automatically

To assure that his hens would be dusted with louse powder at frequent intervals, one poultryman uses a folded curtain of burlap which is suspended above the nest entrances. The curtain is formed into pockets as indicated, which are kept partially filled with the powder. This sifts onto the hens as they push under the curtain when entering or leaving the nests.







## How to Read

Do you want to be a step ahead of the average machine-shop apprentice who merely operates a machine? Then learn how to read blueprints correctly because a skilled machinist must be able to translate the lines and symbols of the draftsman into measurements and operations that are required to produce the finished parts. And, as a skilled machinist you can make yourself more valuable in the production of war orders

**By W. Clyde Lammey**

ONE general definition of a blueprint is that it's simply an orderly arrangement of a number of lines which define and dimension the shape or outline of an object in such a way that one more or less unacquainted with the constructional details could set about building the unit or part in the machine shop without any further information. But to interpret accurately the "language" of the blueprint you must first know the "alphabet" of lines as indicated in Fig. 1, that is, the meaning and function of each line and how it is used by the draftsman. The simple drawing in the sample blueprint in Fig. 2 makes use of these lines. Although it does not represent any particular mechanical device and is not even a complete drawing, it does show common usage of the line alphabet as you will find it on the average machine-shop blueprint. There are exceptions, of course, sometimes made necessary by special requirements, but common practice is to standardize usage as much as possible to avoid confusion and error so that any one familiar with the standard practices can read and interpret correctly any blueprint no matter who made the original detailed drawings. Of

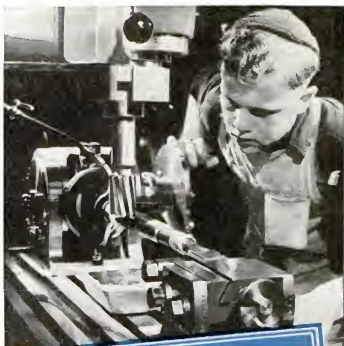
course, changes often are made, and new practices are being approved.

In Fig. 2, first note the dimension lines. There are two, one vertical and one horizontal. Both are located beyond the outline of the object by means of extension lines. However, notice that the center lines also serve as extension lines for the horizontal dimension line, an example of how certain designated lines serve other purposes on occasion. This horizontal dimension line also includes a short break in the pitman connecting the moving parts, which means that the pitman is really longer than it is actually shown and, also that the centers spanned by the dimension line actually are farther apart than shown. The draftsman shows the break merely for convenience and a saving of space. Unless otherwise noted on the blueprint, one thing to remember about a dimension line in such a position is that it always shows the full distance between the parts as they are or will be when made up. Cutting-plane lines A-A and B-B, Fig. 2, mean that figuratively the parts have been cut in two at the points crossed by the lines and that elsewhere on the print you will find sectional views showing the shape and size of the parts when viewed endwise. See sections A-A and B-B. Ordinarily those would be fully dimensioned except in cases where it is necessary to show only the sectional shape or contour of the part. In this case, the long-break line means that the part would run off the print were it drawn in detail, and the fact that it is broken away in this manner without detail would indicate that full detailing would be of

# MACHINE-SHOP BLUEPRINTS

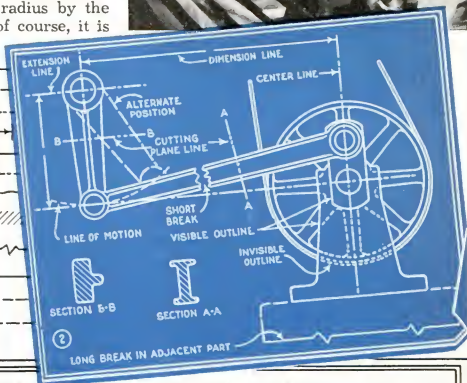
no importance on this particular print.

Lines denoting visible outlines of parts should be proportional to the size of the drawing. Usually, the draftsman makes these slightly heavier so that the essential outlines of the part or of the whole machine are easy to see. Fig. 3 shows eighteen of the symbols in common use for section lining. You are sure to run into them sooner or later on blueprints detailing machine parts and machine installations of various kinds, so it's well to study the characteristics of each one carefully. You also should become familiar with the various abbreviations used. For example, the diameter of a hole or shaft is often followed by the abbreviation D; radius by the abbreviation R, unless, of course, it is



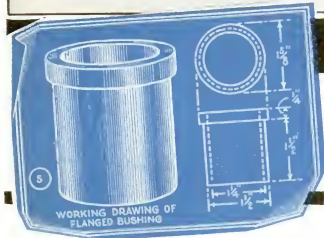
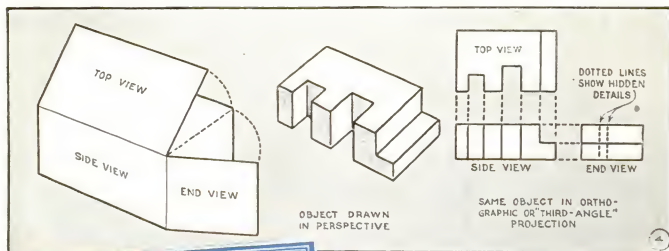
	VISIBLE LINE
	CENTER LINE
	INVISIBLE LINE
	DIMENSION LINE
	ALTERNATE POSITION
	CUTTING PLANE
	SHORT BREAK
	CROSSHATCHING
	LONG BREAK
	EXTENSION LINE
	LINE OF MOTION
	ADJACENT PARTS

① ALPHABET OF LINES

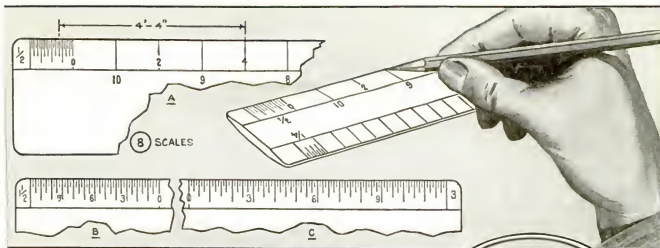


CAST IRON	WHITE METAL, ZINC, LEAD, BABBITT AND ALLOYS	SOUND OR HEAT INSULATION, CORK, HAIR-FELT, WOOL, ASBESTOS, MAGNESIA, PACKING, ETC.	ELECTRIC WINDINGS, ELECTROMAGNETS, RESISTANCE, ETC.	MARBLE, SLATE, GLASS, PORCELAIN, ETC.	SAND
STEEL	ALUMINUM AND ALUMINUM ALLOYS	FLEXIBLE MATERIAL, FABRIC, FELT, RUBBER, ETC.	CONCRETE	EARTH	WATER AND OTHER LIQUIDS
BRONZE, BRASS, COPPER AND COMPOSITIONS	ELECTRIC INSULATION, VULCANITE, FIBER, MICA, BAKELITE, ETC. SHOW SOLID FOR NARROW SECTIONS	FIRE BRICK AND REFRACTORY MATERIAL	BRICK OR STONE MASONRY	ROCK	ACROSS GRAIN, WITH GRAIN } WOOD

③ SYMBOLS FOR SECTION LINING

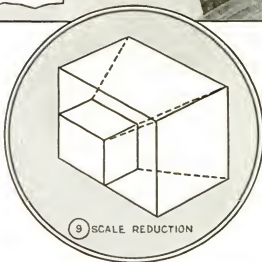






if the box were a solid and there were some characteristic or detail such as a groove or vee on the back, invisible side, front or end, three views would be needed to detail and dimension the object fully. Drawing at the right in Fig. 4, shows what is meant by this. First the object is shown in perspective and this particular part could perhaps be dimensioned fully just as it is, but the many extension and dimension lines necessary might tend to make the whole thing rather hard to read even when the object is comparatively simple in outline. So the draftsman makes a side view of the object as it would appear at eye level, directly above it a top view, and at the right, an end view as shown in the right-hand details. Then he has the part projected into three views which makes it easier to detail and dimension all the characteristics. Although this is a common method it should be remembered that there are several ways of projecting views. Where necessary, the side view is placed directly to the right of the top view and when shapes or machining operations are on the underside of the part, a bottom or "view looking up" usually is shown. In any usual arrangement the views are generally titled to aid in the reading.

Fig. 5 shows what engineers and machinists call a working drawing. This one is very simple but it contains all the information necessary to the machinist when making the part, except the material specification which would be shown on the regular print. The practice of including a perspective view or sketch of the object along with the flat views is becoming more widely used as an aid to clarity. The flanged bushing shown in the drawing is an example of where only two detail views are needed, a top or plan view and a side



view. Many cylindrical objects of simple outline can be detailed in this way. In Fig. 6, A, B, C and D show how dimension lines on more or less intricate parts are placed. Ordinarily the draftsman locates the dimensions so that they can be read from either the bottom or right edge of the print. Where dimension lines scale down so closely together that the dimension cannot be written conveniently between the lines, they are written outside the line as indicated at C. Detail D shows how dimensions of radii usually are indicated.

Where dimensions are more critical than can be indicated by the common fractions of an inch, they are shown as decimals to three or four places as the nature of the work requires, and a minimum or maximum limit or tolerance, is indicated as in Fig. 7. Reading from the top to bottom in Fig. 7 the first two show a tolerance of .004 in., that is, to pass inspection the part can be .002 over or .002 in. under the required diameter. Likewise the third dimension shows that the part can be .001 in. oversize but must not be under the specified diameter of 2.000 in.

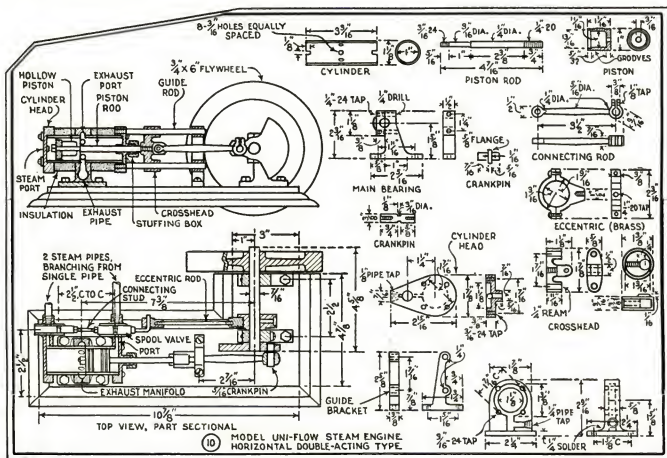
Many parts of machines are so large that it would not be possible or practical to draw them full size on a blueprint sheet.



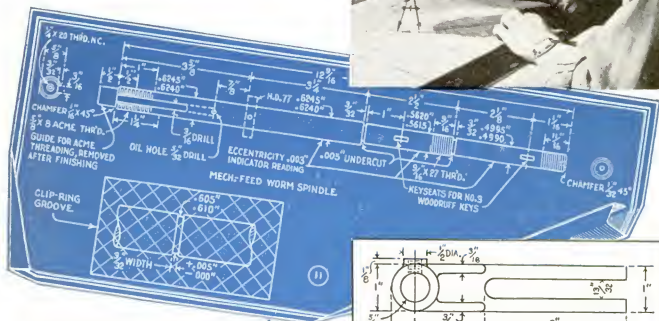
So, for convenience, and also to keep the blueprint sheets of uniform size for easy handling and filing, the draftsman makes the drawings smaller than the actual part. He reduces the drawing of the part or parts uniformly by means of a scale, Fig. 8. The faces of the scale show a number of distances which represent 1 foot. These distances are graduated into 12 parts, each representing an inch. Then where halves and quarters of an inch are required the

twelfths are graduated again into halves and quarters, and so on, until the graduations become so small that they would be of no practical use. Detail A shows a reduction where  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. equals 1 foot, and how the scale is used to take a reading of 4 ft. 4 in. Detail B shows a reduction where  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. equals 1 foot, and detail C a reduction of 3 in. equals 1 foot. Fig. 9 will perhaps make it easier to visualize just what happens when a scale reduction is used in making a drawing. The smaller part is exactly the same in every detail but it is greatly reduced in size from the original. One thing to remember in connection with dimensions on scale drawings is that the dimension always indicates the actual measurement of the part in the feet and inches of the common foot rule. Never otherwise, unless an unusual exception is noted on the drawing.

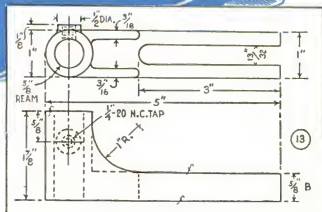
The drawing in Fig. 10 details the parts of a complete project all on one sheet, differing in this respect from the average run of shop blueprints, which usually are separate working or assembly drawings in a set consisting of a number of sheets. Each sheet rarely carries the drawings of more than two or three parts; more often only a single part will be shown. Figs. 11 and 13 are examples of practical working shop drawings which detail a single part. Going



over Fig. 11, notice that the diameters of the three steps of the spindle are given in four-place decimals and that the allowable error or tolerance is held within the critical limit of only .0005 in. on each of the three steps. In Fig. 13 notice the use of the symbol "f" which means that all surfaces so marked are to be finished by machining. Another symbol, lately approved for universal use, is the 60-degree "V" with a code letter, which generally is made to refer to a note or table on the drawing giving the type of finish required as in Fig. 12.



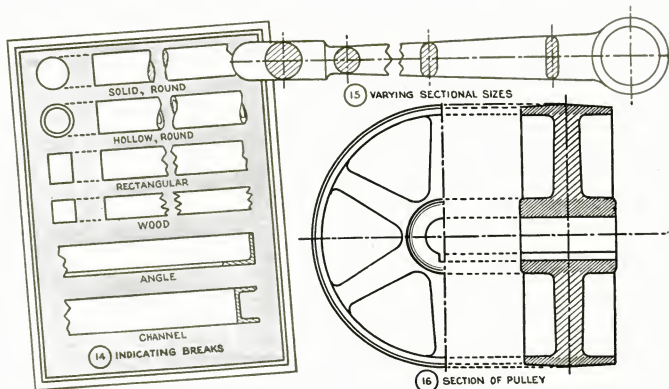
Another thing you are likely to find even on very elementary prints is the method of indicating breaks in the various materials and parts. Fig. 14 shows a few of the methods commonly used. An example of a break on round stock is shown in the lower left-hand detail of Fig. 11. Along with methods of showing breaks comes the manner of indicating sections of parts which must, of course, vary with the nature of the work. A section may be merely for the purpose of designating by symbol the kind of material, or to indicate the shape and size of parts irregular in shape or contour. Hence for convenience the draftsman locates the sections within the outlines as in Fig. 15, and thus gives the machinist a clear idea of the appearance and size of such parts. A short-cut method of sectioning parts, sometimes referred to as "conventional" sectioning, is shown in Fig. 16. Here you will notice that the side view of a pulley is cut along a



horizontal center line and the sectional view is shown at the right-hand side.

Sometimes only a partial or broken-out section is shown on a drawing. Such incomplete sections often are used instead of a full section when the latter is unnecessary, and especially when a partial section makes the drawing easier to understand. In the case of some shafts, bolts and other parts that are so long it would be inconvenient or impossible to show the entire length on a drawing, only the ends are shown, the center section being omitted and so indicated by a break in the drawing. Sectional views usually represent parts as they would appear if cut straight through on one continuous plane, which may or may not intersect the center





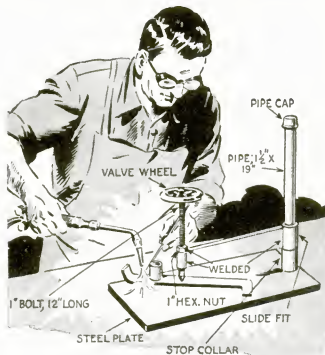
line. Arrows at the ends of the cutting-plane line show the direction in which the section is viewed. When more than one sectional view is required, the letters A-A, B-B, C-C, etc., are used to mark different cutting-plane lines and their corresponding views, thus definitely locating each

section. In other cases both exterior views and interior sections are combined. This is done to make a single view on a drawing reveal both the outer and inner construction of a part, the interior part being indicated by what is known as a phantom or dotted section.

## Rapid-Acting Welder's Clamp Assembled From Odd Parts

Instantly adjustable for height, this efficient welder's clamp saves considerable time in clamping irregular-shape work in position for welding, as a single turn of the handwheel is all that is required to hold the work securely. The throat capacity is

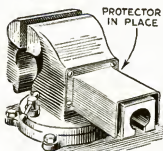
limited only by the height of the pipe standard on which the upper jaw travels. For the base, a  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{5}{8}$ -in. steel plate will do, but if a thicker piece, such as  $\frac{3}{4}$  in., is available, heat will not tend to warp it. A pipe coupling to fit the standard and welded securely to the base will serve as a stop collar. The nipple supporting the upper jaw should be of a size to slide freely on the pipe, while the nipple welded to the opposite end of the jaw should be selected to accommodate a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. bolt. Here a threaded pipe nipple could be used, or the bolt nut may be brazed to the top of the nipple as shown. A discarded valve wheel makes an excellent handwheel, but if you cannot secure one, a suitable one can be turned from wood and attached with a nut on each side. Point the lower end of the bolt so that there will be no chance of it shifting the work when it is turned by the handwheel.—G. F. Coughlin, Garfield, N. J.



Often rubber insulation can be slipped off wires easily if it is first soaked in lacquer thinner for about 15 minutes.

## Protector Sleeve for Bench Vise

Noticing that his men often used the projecting guides of the bench vises as anvils, a shop foreman had the vises fitted with sheet-metal protectors, which served as reminders to the men not to hammer on the guides. When the guides were used as anvils, they were often bent so that the vises were hard to open and close.

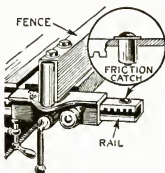


as anvils, a shop foreman had the vises fitted with sheet-metal protectors, which served as reminders to the men not to hammer on the guides. When the guides were used

## Stop on Rip-Fence Guide Rail Prevents Fence Sliding Off

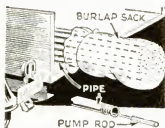
Before I fitted a stop at the end of the rip-fence guide rail on my saw, the fence would slide off the end of the rail when the saw table was tilted at an angle of 45 degrees. For the stop I used a small friction catch of the type shown, and pressed it in a hole drilled in the top part of the rail. This allowed the fence to be removed for crosscut work, yet kept it from sliding off by its own weight.

—Robert Clark, Chicago.



## Burlap Sack Keeps Pump Rods In Pipe While on Truck

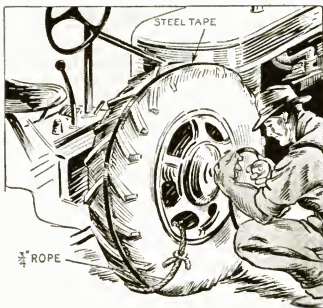
Instead of taking the time to prepare and drive wooden wedges into the ends of pump pipe to keep the rods in place while in transportation, try using burlap sacks for the purpose. These are slipped over the ends of several lengths of pipe containing the rods and tied in place as shown. It takes but a minute to remove or put a sack in place.



These are slipped over the ends of

☐ A good lubricant for use when spinning most metals is made by mixing equal parts of No. 30 motor oil and soft soap.

## Length of Contour Crop Rows Measured by Tractor Wheel



Where contour crop strips follow the level on terraced or strip-cropped land, the curving rows make it difficult to determine the length of rows and the number of acres in any one crop. One farmer solved this problem by tying a piece of rope around a tractor tire as shown. By counting the revolutions of the wheel as the tractor travels the length of the strip and then measuring the circumference of the tire he calculates the length of the rows. Then by measuring the width of the strip he can determine the number of acres in it.

## Large Vacuum Cups Hold Sign On Top of Delivery Car

If you use a pleasure car to make occasional deliveries in a city where it is necessary to carry a sign on the car, just paint the sign on a piece of plywood or hard-



pressed board and attach this to two large vacuum cups. A piece of flat iron on each cup is bolted to the sign permanently so that it can be pressed on the car top or removed whenever desired without marring the finish.

## Fire in Outdoor Forge Banked By Using Harrow Disk



To bank the fire in his outdoor forge so that the fuel will not be consumed rapidly when the forge is not in use, a mechanic uses a discarded harrow disk. This is

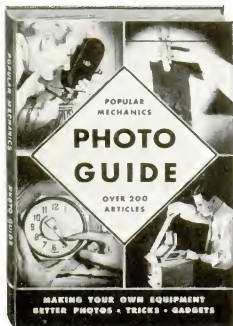
placed over the fire or removed in a jiffy with a pair of long-handle tongs, as indicated. The small hole in the center of the disk affords just sufficient draft to keep the fire alive.

## Effective Spear for Field Mice

Troubled with field mice and other small rodents, a caretaker of a large estate uses this spear to eradicate them. It consists of a piece of oak 1½ in. by 8 in. in which 36 holes are drilled to take spikes 6 in. long. A second piece of wood nailed over the heads of the spikes keeps them in place and provides a means of attaching a handle.



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## First Aid for Receivers

### PART V

MANY unnecessary radio service calls can be avoided by resisting the natural impulse to use a dust cloth to clean out the back of your radio. Dust will not do the set any harm, and you are the only one who knows that it is there. It is almost impossible to wipe dust out of the inside of a set with a cloth without loosening tubes in their sockets or disturbing some of the delicate electric wiring. If you feel that it must be removed, take the set line-plug out of the wall socket and then blow the dust out with your vacuum cleaner.

Interchangeable tube chart No. 2 lists additional tubes that the serviceman or dealer may suggest to replace the types specified in your old receiver when some of the original types are no longer available. However, in the interest of conserv-



### INTERCHANGEABLE TUBE CHART No. 2

TYPE	REPLACE WITH	TYPE	REPLACE WITH	TYPE	REPLACE WITH
1A5G	1A5GT/G	6W6G	6W6GT/G	6SQ7	6SQ7GT/G
1A7G	1A7GT	6J5	6J5GT/G	6SQ7G	6SQ7GT/G
1C5G	1C5GT	6J5G	6J5GT/G	6V6	6V6GT/G
1G4G	1G4GT/G	6J7	6J7GT	6V6G	6V6GT/G
1G6G	1G6GT/G	6J7G	6J7GT	6X5	6X5GT/G
1H5G	1H5GT	6K6G	6K6GT/G	6X5G	6X5GT/G
1H5G	1H5GT	6K7	6K7GT	12SA7	12SA7GT/G
1Q5G	1Q5GT/G	6K7G	6K7GT	12SA7G	12SA7GT/G
3Q5G	3Q5GT/G	6K8	6K8GT	12SK7	12SK7GT/G
5Y4	5Y4GT	6K8G	6K8GT	12SK7G	12SK7GT/G
5W4	5W4GT/G	6L6	6L6GT	12SQ7	12SQ7GT/G
5W4G	5W4GT/G	6L7	6L7GT	12SQ7G	12SQ7GT/G
5Y3G	5Y3GT/G	6N7	6N7GT	25A6	25A6GT/G
5Z4	5Y3GT/G	6P5G	6P5GT	25A6G	25A6GT/G
6A8	6A8GT	6Q7	6Q7GT	25A7G	25A7GT/G
6A8G	6A8GT	6Q7G	6Q7GT	25A05G	25A05GT/G
6AC5G	6AC5GT	6R7	6R7GT	25L6	25L6GT/G
6AE5G	6AE5GT/G	6R7G	6R7GT	25L6G	25L6GT/G
6B8	6B8GT	6S7	6S7GT	25Z6	25Z6GT/G
6C5	6C5GT	6SA7	6SA7GT/G	25Z6G	25Z6GT/G
6C5G	6C5GT	6SA7G	6SA7GT/G	35L6G	35L6GT/G
6F5	6F5GT	6SF5	6SF5GT	35Z6G	35Z6GT/G
6F5G	6F5GT	6SJ7	6SJ7GT	50Y6G	50Y6GT/G
6F6	6F6GT	6SK7	6SK7GT/G	11Z6G	11Z6GT/G
6H6	6H6GT/G	6SK7G	6SK7GT/G		

\* Shields Necessary in some cases.

† Space Limitations are the only factor limiting the interchange of "G" Type for Metal.

‡ Grid-Cap Lead may need lengthening. Base may need slight filing in few instances.

ing time and materials, these replacement types should not be used as long as stocks of the original tubes last; especially in view of the fact that in order to use some of these replacement tubes certain changes may be required in the set, as indicated by the foot notes, and these changes should be avoided until necessary. If your regular dealer or serviceman cannot supply the original type, shop around and you may find one that can, as there is a good supply of no longer manufactured types still in stocks of many dealers and servicemen. Faulty tubes can cause: no reception, distortion, hum, lack of sensitivity, microphonics, intermittent reception and fading.

(To be continued)

# Three-Tube All-Wave Super

By Stanley Johnson



HERE is No. 3 "Special" in the series of "V" sets for students and experimenters. No. 1 appeared in the July issue, No. 2 in September and now we complete this series with No. 3 which is an easy-to-build 3-tube super "DX-er" that features a non-critical circuit which requires no aligning.

Although these 1, 2 and 3-tube receivers are complete and entirely different, they all employ the same parts, with a few simple additions. Those who built the 2-tube will note that it is turned into this simple 5-band super by making minor changes in the detector circuit, rewinding the coils, and adding the 1A7-GT "mixer" stage; however, it should be entirely rewired to avoid errors. The detector, fixed-tuned to approximately 450 kilocycles by condenser  $C_{11}$  and the I.F. coil, is capacity coupled to the 1A7-GT mixer. Keeping the oscillator on one frequency eliminates antenna "dead spots," tunable hum and similar troubles.

Only 6 of the hand-wound plug-in coils are required to cover the broadcast band

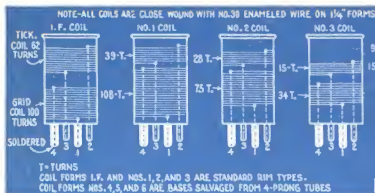
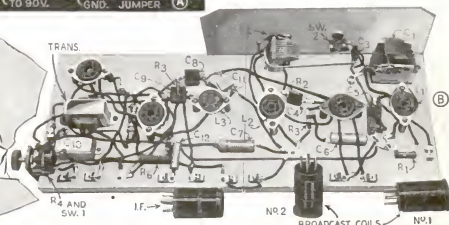


Fig. 1

BAND	COIL IN L <sub>1</sub> SOCKET	COIL IN L <sub>2</sub> SOCKET
BROADCAST	1	2
160 METERS	3	4
80 "	5	6
40 "	7	8
20 "	9	10

I.F. COIL IS NEVER SHIFTED FROM ITS SOCKET L<sub>3</sub>

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down to 14 megacycles owing to the fact that 4 of them do double duty, serving as either "first detector" or "oscillator" coils, depending upon the band being tuned. The coil-winding details and tuning chart appear in Fig. 1; all coils are wound in the same direction. The simplified wiring diagram is shown in Fig. 2 and the schematic circuit diagram in Fig. 3. The baseboard dimensions are given in two sections in Fig. 2 for the benefit of those who are progressing from the 2-tube set, the metal strip being used to connect the two sections at rear.

The placement of parts should be followed by referring to photos A, B and C. Wind all coils in the same direction; solder every circuit terminal carefully. The shaft of tuning condenser  $C_1$  must clear the metal panel; condenser  $C_2$  mounts directly on the panel as its rotor is grounded.

Referring to schematic diagram Fig. 3, you will note that condenser  $C_3$  is connected directly to common ground just as shown in Fig. 2. However, condenser  $C_5$  and resistor

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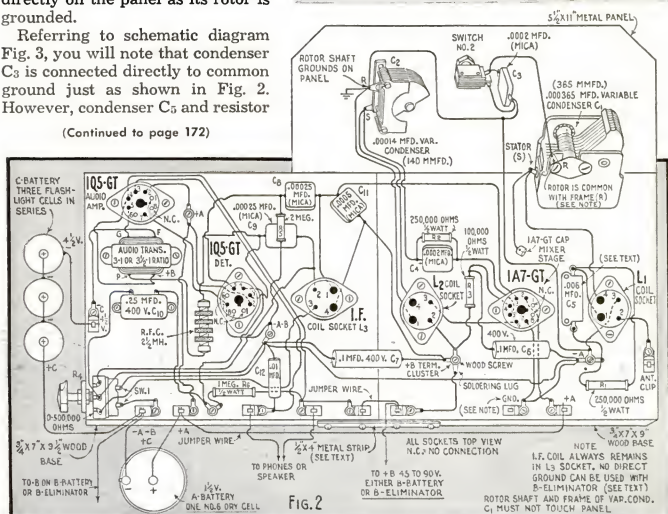
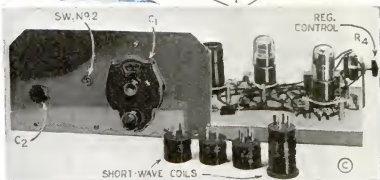
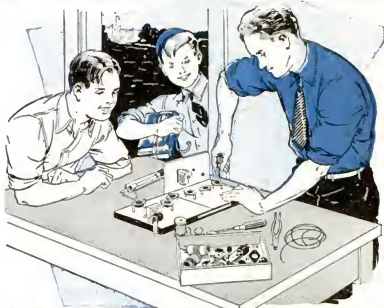


FIG. 2



# Low-Cost Two-Ampere Tungar Battery Charger

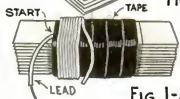
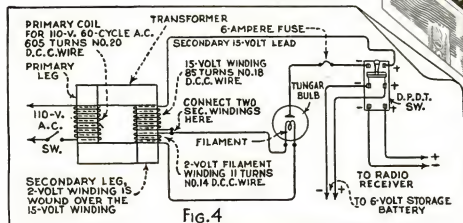
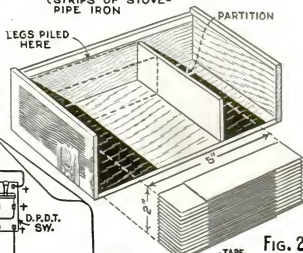
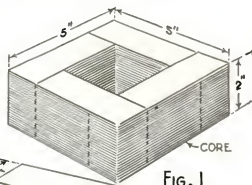
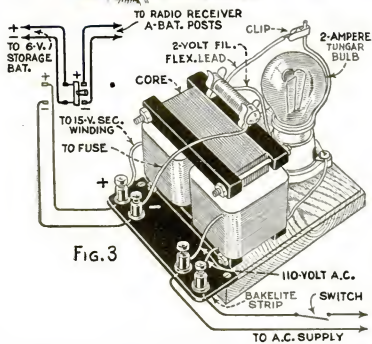


SHOULD it become necessary to store your car, this tungar battery charger will keep a 6-volt storage battery fully charged so that you can operate your auto radio indoors. This is only one of many timely civilian defense uses for an efficient and inexpensive battery charger.

It consists of a homemade stepdown transformer and a G.E. type 195528 2-ampere tungar bulb that screws into an ordinary porcelain lamp socket. Laminations for the transformer are cut from common black stovepipe iron and stacked as shown in Fig. 1. The transformer is wound to supply 2 volts at 10 amps. for lighting the filament, and 15 volts at 2 amps. to be rectified for the battery.

Pile the strips in a 5-in. hollow square, the ends of alternate strips overlapping  $1\frac{1}{4}$  in. Now build up the primary and secondary legs in the cigarbox arrangement Fig. 2, piling strips for one leg of the core

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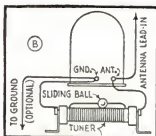


# Hints for RADIO EXPERIMENTERS

(A) Any single-unit auto radio and a small 6-volt storage battery will fit snugly in the luggage carrier on your bicycle to provide emergency news and entertainment on outings in locations remote from power lines when gas rationing ties up the family car, and dry battery packs are difficult to obtain for your portable battery receiver

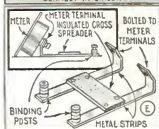
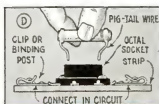


(B) Adjustable tuning coil serves as antenna tuner, wave trap or antenna eliminator depending upon the manner in which it is connected to a receiver. Shown as an antenna tuner to improve sensitivity and selectivity. (C) White arrow and square painted on basement wall for quickly locating electric outlets in emergency

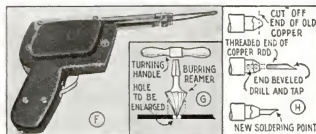


(D) Handy jig for checking pig-tailed resistors in a circuit before soldering them in position. This saves time if the resistor should differ in actual value from that indicated by its marked rating. A strip of Bakelite or fiber, 2 Fahnestock clips and 2 terminals of an octal socket provide the necessary materials for the gadget. (E) Meter stand for checking or demonstrating experimental work around the bench. The metal strip meter legs are bent to permit placing the meter at an angle for easy reading, and the extended terminals are in a good position for quick circuit connections

(F) Fast action soldering iron is ready to operate in 5 seconds; saves time and current



(G) Plumber's burring reamer may be used to enlarge holes in chassis bases for mounting tube sockets. The tool costs less than a good hole cutter and can be used with a bit-brace, drill chuck or turning handle. (H) Adding a radio service point to an old soldering copper. Grind down old point to a flat surface; drill and tap to take a short length of 1/4-in. threaded copper rod as shown. (I) Screwdriver has illuminated shaft for working in dark corners



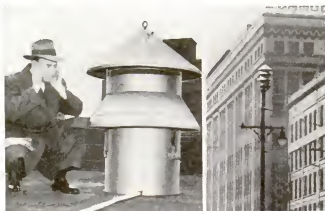
## Antenna Encircles Rear of Set



One of the last 10-tube combination radio-phonograph consoles to come off the production line, this one has a tubular type loop antenna that encircles the rear of the cabinet as indicated by the arrows. Reduced noise and increased sensitivity are claimed. A master tone control is an additional feature.

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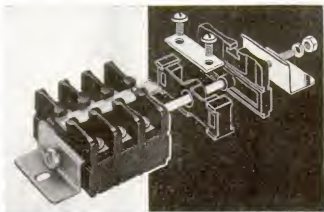
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## Smoke Gets in Their Eyes

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chemical mixture that when vaporized or atomized produces tiny droplets which give the appearance of a smoke cloud, the device may be installed on the scout car to provide protection for surprise contacts with the enemy.

Upon encountering an enemy machine gun unit, the leading vehicle of the reconnaissance unit would halt immediately and a member of the crew put the smoke generator into action. Under cover of this smoke, the car is put into reverse and rapidly backed, spreading the smoke cloud as it goes, then turns and seeks cover.

The Chemical Warfare Service includes units for the offensive use of smoke on the largest scale. Screening smoke has been used by all the European combatants to protect the advance of attacking infantry and tanks against aimed fire. Lately, large-area smoke screens have been used over many of the German industrial cities, as well as some of the factories in England, as protection against enemy bombers. Such installations cover many square miles.

But the usefulness of smoke is not confined to land operations. Recall the escape of two German warships, one a battleship and the other a large cruiser, from their refuge in a French port, in a sweep that took them through the English Channel. News dispatches tell us that a heavy smoke screen, probably poured from the funnels of speeding destroyers, was a major factor in the success of the maneuver, although surface craft and an "umbrella" of fighting planes also were employed to protect the escaping ships. However, the smoke played an important role in limiting the efforts of British air units to sink the German vessels.

Smoke rings, or squares, have been used in Europe as means of identifying land targets for following bombing pilots. First a reconnaissance plane appears, spots the target and then expels heavy rings of smoke that hang in air to guide the bombing planes to the target. Naturally the bombers must be close behind the smoke plane for the operation to succeed.

For many years, Uncle Sam's Navy has recognized the value of smoke and has employed it in all kinds of fleet maneuvers. Destroyers and planes provide the screens, pouring smoke from funnels and from

spray devices to shroud warcraft in both offensive and defensive movements. Behind a heavy bank of smoke, a battleship or smaller craft can execute quickly any of a score of turning maneuvers, either to gain a more advantageous position for attacking enemy fleet units or to move out of range of enemy guns. In the same manner an escorting destroyer lays down a smoke screen behind which merchant ships may scatter to escape from an approaching enemy raider.

The use of chemicals in warfare goes back to ancient and medieval days. Burning pitch and sulphur were catapulted over the walls of besieged cities and incendiary arrows and a kind of slow-burning powder were used centuries ago in naval engagements. However, chemical warfare, as we understand the term today, began in 1915 during the first World War. Modern large-scale production of chemicals made possible their extensive use.

A part of the Regular Army, the Chemical Warfare Service is charged with research in and development of chemical warfare; procurement and supply of chemical warfare material to the Army; training in offensive and defensive procedure, and the organization and operation of special gas troops. The chemicals employed in war are useful either to produce physiological effects on enemy soldiers, to generate dense volumes of smoke for screening operations or to act as incendiaries.

Solids, liquids and gases are all employed for these purposes, although the term "gas" is popularly associated with chemical warfare because of the primary use of the gas chlorine on April 22, 1915. Another reason for the popular use of the term "gas" is that the injurious agents are disseminated in the atmosphere as gases or powders, which cause injury when breathed and hence necessitate the use of gas masks as protection against them. New chemical warfare agents may appear in the future, but the discovery of any new gas, against which modern protective equipment would be ineffective, is considered unlikely by experts of the Chemical Warfare Service.

The United States is not a party to any treaty, now in force, that prohibits or restricts the use in warfare of poisonous or nonpoisonous gases, smoke and incendiary materials.

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# Yachtsmen on Patrol

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gators; engineering officers are rated as engineers, senior engineers and master engineers.

Crews of Auxiliary boats are, in most cases, made up of regular enlisted Coast Guardsmen or reservists. They may be youngsters just out of high school who don't know a bowline from a bowsprit, or grizzled Chief Boatswains Mates who have spent a lifetime "in the service."

One of the important duties of the "putt-putt" Navy is to supervise the loading and unloading of munitions. In World War I, before America entered the conflict, stevedores sometimes smuggled "cigar bombs" aboard ships they were loading. The bombs did not go off until the ship was at sea.

The Auxiliary has been entrusted with the important job of seeing that this doesn't happen in World War II. So today while Allied ships are being loaded, the Auxiliaries stand guard.

Auxiliaries investigate every stray wisp of smoke on the waterfront. In harbors like San Pedro or Galveston, fire could do great damage to oil storage tanks. Every Auxiliary boat is equipped with fire-fighting equipment and short-wave radio.

Ferrying supplies and equipment to lighthouses and lightboats is another chore of the Auxiliary. Food, fuel, ammunition, gas masks, equipment and mail are carried to men on lonely lookout duty. In their frequent trips in and out of harbors, the Auxiliary boats inspect buoys and other navigational aids.

When great convoys steam into San Francisco or New York, it is the Auxiliary's job to meet them. Immigration officials must be taken out to board the vessels as they make port and the Auxiliaries see that they are delivered safely aboard. And as any seaman can tell you, it's no easy trick to put a small motorboat alongside a huge, wallowing transport—especially if a strong sea is running. But the Sunday skippers of the Auxiliary, who know their small boats intimately, can do it and do it well.

The quiet inlets, the specks of islands and the lonely stretches of uninhabited shoreline on both sides of the United States are perhaps better known to the Auxiliary than any other class of men. In peacetime these waterways were their playgrounds.

But now they are war-time beats to be patrolled day and night.

Off the southern tip of Florida, for example, are hundreds of little palm-fringed islands. These would make excellent hide-aways for German and Japanese agents to set up short-wave radio sets and submarine fueling depots—if they weren't inspected regularly by the Auxiliary.

The regular Army and Navy have commissioned some of the Auxiliaries to supervise troop landing operations. Because of their skill in handling small craft, surf boats are "duck soup" to them.

You don't have to be within the smell of salt water, though, to find the Auxiliary.

When the great Tennessee Valley projects suddenly dotted the map with power dams and lakes, flotillas of motorboats appeared just as suddenly. It fell to the lot of the Auxiliary to police the lakes and guard dams and power installations against sabotage. The Auxiliary is also found on the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River.

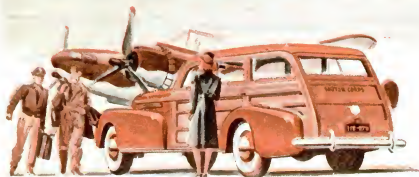
In addition to its many war-time duties, the Auxiliary is carrying on the "mercy" tasks of the Coast Guard, rescuing exhausted swimmers and occupants of overturned boats, and giving storm warnings.

The reason for the efficient and workmanlike job the Auxiliary does is the "big brotherly" interest taken in it by the regular Coast Guard. Special correspondence courses for Auxiliaries are offered by the U. S. Coast Guard Institute, New London, Conn. When duties permit, Coast Guard officers give instruction to Auxiliary groups. An order from the Coast Guard Commandant, Admiral Waesche, makes Auxiliaries welcome at Coast Guard depots, lighthouses, lifeboat stations and Coast Guard bases.

This is the third war within the memory of men now living in which small boat owners have played their part—having served in the Spanish-American War and World War I.

One Auxiliaryman summed up the reason for it this way: "We owners of sailing and pleasure craft aren't going to be able to pursue our peacetime hobby again until Japan and Germany are crushed. The sooner we get this thing over, the sooner we'll be able to enjoy the freedom of the seas for our own small craft!"

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## Your Home of the Future

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like a tall mast. It is, and it is used only to support the house while under construction. This house is built from the top down, and laying the foundation is one of the last things to be done.

"The mast is placed at the exact center of your house-to-be, and is anchored with guy wires so that it is firm as a rock. On the ground surrounding the mast, the petal-shaped metal sections are bolted together to form a domed roof with a hole in the center through which the mast projects. The completed roof is hoisted up the mast a few feet by a one-man winch. Curved wall panels are bolted on so that they hang from the roof. This process is repeated until the wall reaches its full height of nearly 8 feet.

"Then the foundation is laid—a circle of bricks flat on the ground under the wall. The house is lowered onto the bricks. The mast is removed. A water- and bug-tight sectional steel floor is bolted to the lower rim of the wall, and all that remains is to install the sections of finished flooring, the lining, interior equipment, appliances and fixtures. The entire operation from placing the mast to moving in your furniture takes only a few hours."

In the home of the future designed by William Hamby, noted architect, drudgery now associated with kitchen work would vanish because there would be no kitchen as such, but a spacious area combined with the dining room, in which all kitchen appliances would be concealed. Food would be cooked and served in the same utensils.

Walter Dorwin Teague and Norman Bel Geddes, well known industrial designers, are also co-operating on plans for your home of the future. Teague sees a panel-type dwelling that can be fitted to any desired pattern with preconstructed service units for bathroom and kitchen, a dwelling costing from \$1,000 to \$2,000, easily remodeled. Geddes has a proposed house with 27 basic units, consisting of five different wall sections, doors, windows, floors and roof sections which will produce eleven different houses. One eight-hour day is sufficient for building, he says.

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## Preserving Thread in Awnings



Often the thread used in seams of an awning rot out and allow the seams to open before the awning cloth has reached the end of its usefulness. To avoid this, paint the seams of new awnings with melted paraffin. If care is taken to confine the paraffin to the thread as much as possible there will be little evidence of its presence.

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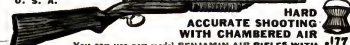
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## Radio Traffic Control

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port trucks and even to the locomotives and cabooses of railroad trains if the point happened to be a railroad junction, too.

Nearly every wartime possibility has its practical example already written on the pages of radio history. The Army and Navy are absorbing low-power sets for soldiers afoot, for motorcycles, jeeps, trucks, gun mounts and ships as fast as they can be produced. The airplane as the charger of a mounted radio traffic cop has already been tested for handling large crowds at the Indianapolis motor races. Police short-wave networks exist not only in cities, but in entire states such as Connecticut which has 11 integrated stations.

In railroad yards near Chicago, switch signals and wire-carried messages have been eliminated in favor of radio control from tower to engine cab. Locomotive engineers can talk by radio to trainmen in the caboose. Ordnance plants control all traffic by radio.

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There is one more logical step to follow the establishment of these radio traffic cops. This is the creation of the radio patrolman. The engineers say he will be with us one of these days, carrying a walkie-talkie on his back and swapping sour quips with the gruff desk sergeant in the police station as he makes his rounds, keeping peace in a more peaceful world to come.

(Names and addresses of makers or sellers of commercial products described in this magazine are listed in the Where-to-Buy-It index. Write to them for additional information and be sure to Say You Saw It in Popular Mechanics.)

## Win Your Golf Games On the Greens

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trouble if the ball rolls off. Swing the iron in the usual manner but twist the blade slightly to the right as the ball is hit. This lays the blade over and helps you slice under the ball, chopping it high in the air.

The pitch and run is the opposite of the cut shot. It is useful when you want a short low flight and an extended roll, as for reaching the pin at the far end of a long green. You get this result by turning the blade toward the vertical as the ball is hit, moving the right hand over the left to close the face of the club. That gives the ball a lot of overspin and it rolls a long way after a short flight.

An hour a day spent in practicing putts and approach shots should take ten strokes off your score in a month or less. Such an improvement more than doubles your ability as a player. A couple of years ago a national survey showed that the average golfer makes a score of from 100 to 103 in 18 holes. Only three percent of all golfers can break 90 consistently, the survey found, and of that three percent, only one percent can break 70. That shows you what a great difference a few strokes can mean. If you shoot 100 regularly, an improvement of only 10 strokes puts you up with the few players who average 90 strokes.

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## Keeping the Home Fires From Burning

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this have purchased two good used trucks. With fire department help, these are being equipped with heavy duty pumping units, more than 1,000 feet of hose each, nozzles, brush hooks, and various sorts of extinguishers. One of the trucks has its own 200-gallon water supply. In addition, two private trucks and trailers carrying supplementary equipment are available, and a 30-horsepower tractor and bulldozer has been donated for hauling equipment up steep grades in the adjacent Santa Monica mountains.

All of the volunteer groups are receiving thorough training in first-aid. Garages have been cleaned out and spare rooms in homes have been prepared as emergency first-aid centers with cots in place and windows and entrances blacked out. One volunteer has equipped his bicycle with a complete first-aid outfit.

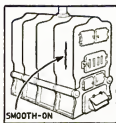
As fire fighters, all of the volunteers have learned that their most important duty is to get to the scene of a fire as soon as they can and extinguish it before it can spread. A gallon of water or a bucket of sand may extinguish a fire that might rage for days, once it got out of control.

All such precautions as these can't prevent or reduce the destruction that might be caused by heavy demolition bombs, but with the brave examples of the civilian fire fighters of London before them, the American volunteers will protect their homes as well as they can.

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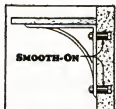
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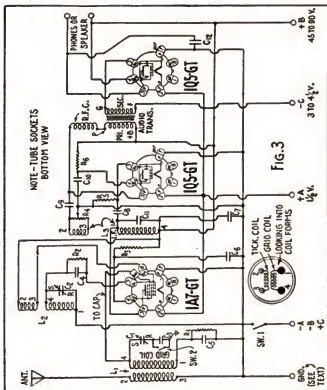
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## Three-Tube All-Wave Super

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$R_1$  may be brought into action, to prevent overloading, if necessary, by merely removing the  $C_3$  connection from ground and connecting it to terminal 1 on the  $L_1$  coil socket. If the "Junk-Box B-Eliminator" described in the August, 1942, issue is used with this receiver, no direct ground can be

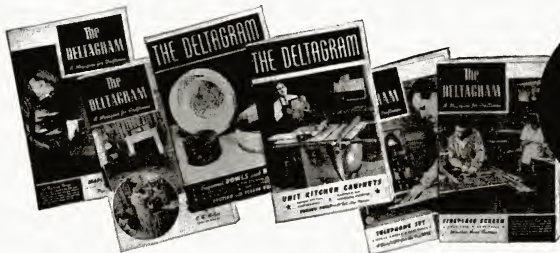


used on the set. If a ground is necessary, use a .1 mfd. 400-volt condenser in series with the ground lead. A detailed list of material is available from Popular Mechanics Radio department without charge, if desired.

Try out the set first on the broadcast band, with coil No. 1 in the  $L_1$  socket and coil No. 2 in the  $L_2$  socket. Switch No. 2 should be in the closed position so that condenser  $C_3$  is not in the circuit, and the full capacity of  $C_1$  is used. Advance regeneration control ( $R_4$ ) to "full on" position and tune  $C_1$  until a whistle is picked up, then immediately back off the regeneration control until the station comes in clearly, after which, adjust  $C_1$  for strongest signal. Tuning on the short-wave bands is similar but more critical; tune in the stations with the small variable  $C_2$  and use the larger one to "peak up" the signal and make it stronger. Switch No. 2 is opened for all short-wave bands. The blueprint number for this article is R-308.

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and shoving the alternate strips to opposite ends to keep the ends even and square. Coat each strip with shellac; when the pile is 2 in. high clamp a wood block on it until dry, then remove the leg and tape it as shown in Fig. 1-A. Winding details are given in Fig. 4. About 1½ pounds of No. 20 d.c.c. wire and about ½ pound of No. 18 d.c.c. were required; this was obtained from burned-out transformers. Leave long start and finish winding leads on each coil, binding starting end under first layer of turns. Coat each layer with shellac as wound. When completed place the legs in

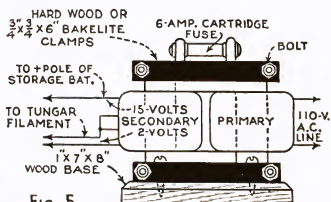


FIG. 5

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a moderate oven and bake until dry. The primary is wound directly over the tape, but the secondary is wound over 2 layers of tape and one layer of empire cloth, available from electric shops. Solder, tape and shellac all splices and connections.

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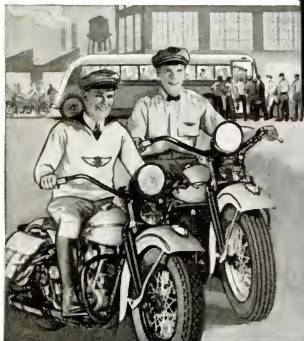
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## Frozen Billions

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battle. Shipbuilding corporations and steelmakers examine their war products by this method. A radium bomb the size of a small walnut can replace a roomful of machinery necessary for X-rays and the radiations flow in all directions, not merely in one.

Typical is the Westinghouse Steam Division Works at Lester, Pa., where these "pin point power plants," minute grains of radium sulfate, are at work inspecting war equipment as it is produced. Radium sulfate is used especially to examine parts of steam turbines, propulsion gears and auxiliary apparatus for our fighting ships. This plant has a supply of 825 milligrams of radium sulfate, about half the size of a boy's small marble, sufficient to test propulsion turbines and gears for more than 100 destroyers, cruisers, battleships and aircraft carriers, and a lot of other things.

N. L. Mochel, manager of the Metallurgical Engineering Department at the Westinghouse Works, termed radium sulfate "nature's most efficient power plant."

"The compound resembles slightly discolored table salt," Mr. Mochel explained. "The atoms split spontaneously. This perpetual disintegration generates gamma rays which pierce the hardest steel. Flaws in the metal appear on the film as dark areas. The rays are able to reach the film with greater intensity during an exposure period through flaws than through solid metallic structure.

"Even though it decays to produce energy, radium sulfate is a constant power source. Had a scientist of the fourth century isolated a bit of radium sulfate, it would have reduced itself only to half strength by 1942."

When a piece of equipment is brought into the laboratory for inspection, a technician fishes a radium capsule out of a sunken safe. The walls and bottom of the safe are four-inch slabs of lead. Inside is a block of lead with small wells to hold the radium sulfate containers. A lead lid locks into place over the safe. Radium sulfate must be handled with extreme care. The laboratory is lined with lead. Workmen never remain more than a minute or so in the vicinity when a capsule is exposed.

Displaying a small pear-shaped alumi-

num shell, Mr. Mochel explained that four particles of radium sulfate were enclosed in similar containers. The shells contain tiny silver kernels in which the substance is sealed. The four metal "nuts" would fit easily in the palm of one hand.

"The capsules are suspended within or beside the metal being tested," he continued. "As many as 20 films have been taken in the Westinghouse laboratories at the same time. A belt of film can be placed around circular pieces of metal, such as pipe. These plates register gamma rays from a single radium sulfate source fixed in the center."

Exposure times vary from a few minutes to 48 hours, Mr. Mochel said. Time of the exposure is gauged by using a special slide rule, developed by Navy engineers. It is estimated that each gram of the substance has 2,680 billion billions of atoms which can be kept working for about 20,000 years, the substance losing half of its life every 1690 years. It can't be burned by 2,000 degrees of heat, it can't be broken down by pounding, it won't freeze and it is pretty hard to lose. Electric "radium bloodhounds" have been invented to trace it by its radiations. Lost capsules have been found in a pig's stomach and inside a cement sidewalk.

Gilbert LaBine's mine will be working for America a long time, and the experts who once thought in milligrams are now thinking in grams. Soon they will be thinking in terms of ounces and eventually perhaps pounds of radium.

It's nice to think about a pound of radium. It would be quite a bit smaller than a tennis ball and would be worth nearly eleven and a half million dollars, f.o.b. New York City.

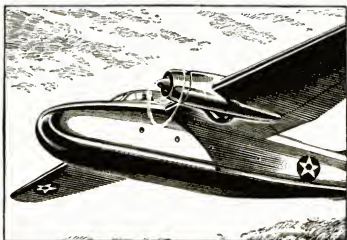
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# Uncle Sam's Trump Card

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ber once brought in the German market. If this can be done, and since it is an engineering problem there seems no reason why it shouldn't, then we may create in this country a new industry with new employment and add to our national wealth. Wherever natural substitutes for rubber can be grown, a corresponding benefit should result to the farmer.

The same thing applies to other materials, especially metals, many of which are available in the Western Hemisphere, but have not been utilized from pure consideration of cost. If new processes can be found to extract these metals, then new territories and new industries will be opened up—and one of the most important factors in the development of new ventures will be the airplane.

So far, we have only scratched the surface of the possibilities of the use of the airplane in transport. In direct competition with highly developed forms of transportation, such as rail, motor and water, the airplane is able to operate successfully on a sound economic basis. In the opening up of undeveloped territory, the use of the airplane has almost unlimited possibilities as a freight-carrier. This alone would justify the investment of huge sums in engineering.

To a great degree, the engineering and

research being concentrated on military things can be adapted readily to postwar commercial fields. The time required to effect the transition from war to peace economy is extremely critical. Figuratively speaking, if the war stopped on Friday, and we could get into production, say much-needed washing machines, the following Monday, the benefits to our people would be immeasurable.

Here then is clearly the task of the aeronautic engineer. He must accelerate development to the highest possible rate; he, and every other engineer, must expand research in the direction of new products. To a great extent, the winning of the peace rests in the capable hands of the engineers.

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# The Most Dangerous Man in the World

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are accepted you will be tested by psychologists who will decide whether you have the precise mental and physical capabilities that are required. To make the start, you apply first to your local aviation cadet examining board. The examiners might find that you would make a better pilot or navigator than bombardier, or they may decide that you are just the type of man who is needed.

The instructors who are training young

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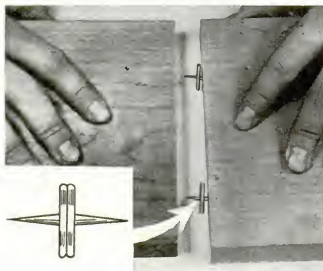
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## Sister Ships—or Are They?

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with cranes after being built up as a unit, and deck sections are installed similarly.

If the demand for ships and more ships continues, small wooden freighters may be built again. Wooden ship architects point out that wooden vessels of the last war were built much stronger than necessary, with sides and strengthening partitions so thick that cargo spaces were reduced. With today's knowledge, wooden ships can be built much more economically. Wooden truss systems such as one designed by Harvey D. Sandstone, naval architect, make possible inexpensive wooden vessels that promise to be just as satisfactory as steel ships. Some of the 300-foot wooden ships built in the last war are still in use.

Taking advantage of the many improvements in naval architecture, Sandstone has designed a "ship of the future" that could easily be built today. The design is for a 350-foot 7,000-ton wooden vessel with a low streamlined silhouette. The midships portion of the whaleback deck would be awash in rough weather as is the case with loaded oil tankers. The vessel is designed for continuous tensile strength throughout, and is compartmented with fore-and-aft and thwartship bulkheads. The interior would be air conditioned if used as a troop transport. Cargo masts are stowed on deck and would be raised hydraulically for working cargo. The engine is aft, similar to oil tanker design. The ship is equipped with a retractable forward rudder that can be lowered for increased maneuverability in close quarters such as turning basins.

Proposed armament includes groups of anti-aircraft pompoms and 6-inch guns for use against surface raiders and submarines. One feature of the design is a pair of rams on the bow. The clear sweep of deck provides room for an aircraft runway or a catapult, with a boom at the stern for retrieving the planes from the sea.

Meanwhile, contracts have been let for the construction of a number of large reinforced concrete barges principally for coastwise oil transport. With capacities of 5,000 tons or more, the 350-foot barges will be towed by tugs or other vessels. The ships should be far more satisfactory than the experimental concrete vessels that were launched during the first world war.



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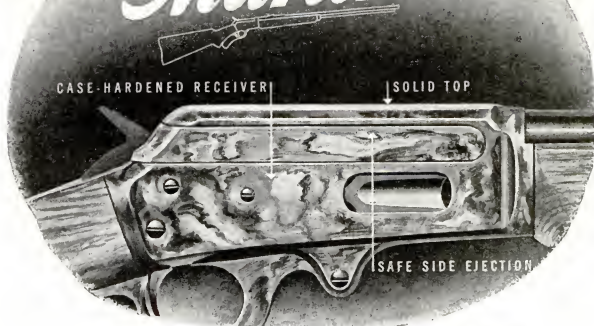
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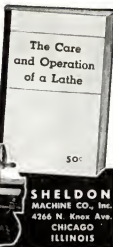
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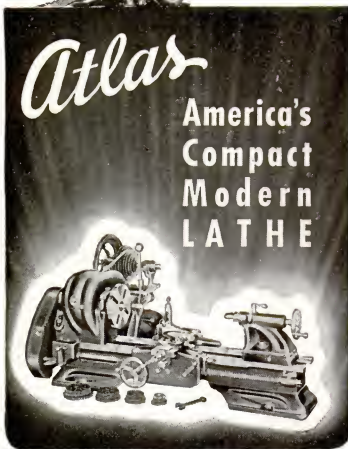
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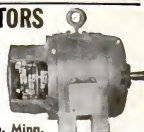
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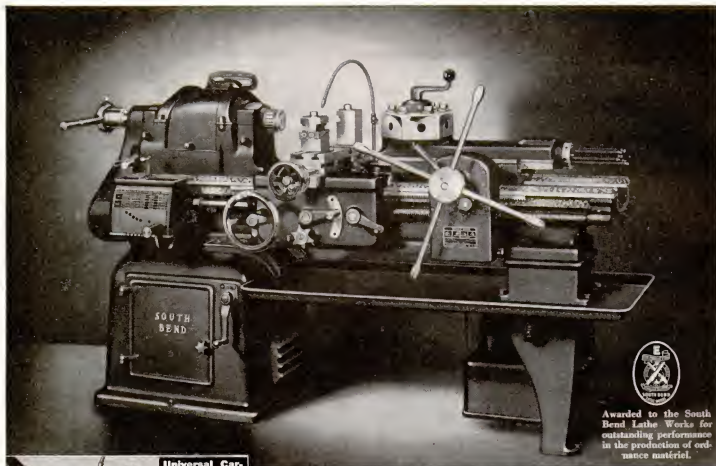
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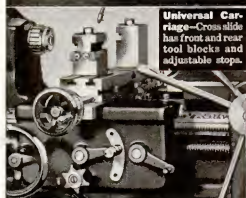
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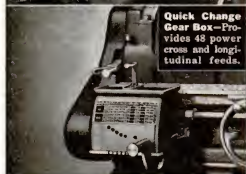
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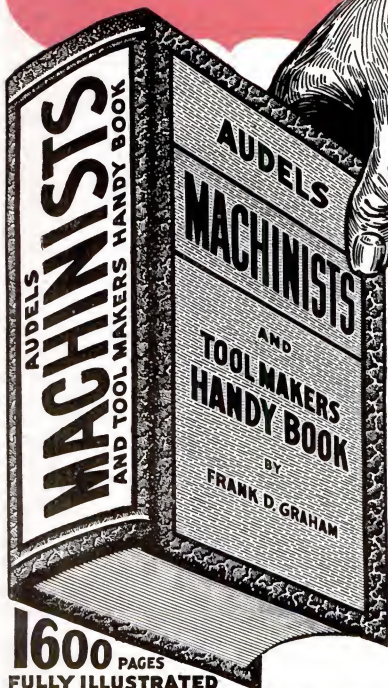


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